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De secretaris-generaal van de Conventie heeft van de heer Einem Caspar, lid van de Conventie, de bijdrage ontvangen die in bijlage dezes staat.

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**TITLE I: DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UNION**

**Article 2:**  
**Values**

The European Union is founded on the fundamental values of

- Human dignity<sup>2</sup>
- Freedom<sup>1</sup>
- Democracy<sup>1</sup>
- The Rule of Law<sup>1</sup> union- and worldwide<sup>2</sup>
- Equality
  - a) before the law of the Union, without any distinction based on sex, race, national origin, religion, political or philosophical opinions or sexual orientation,<sup>6</sup>
  - b) in participation and inclusion in society<sup>3</sup>
  - c) in partnership and opportunity<sup>2</sup>
- Solidarity<sup>2</sup>
- The principle of social dialogue
- Sustainability<sup>2</sup>
- Diversity of cultures
- Respect of human rights in Europe and the world<sup>5</sup>
- And the values laid down in The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union<sup>2</sup>, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charta of the United Nations<sup>5</sup>

### **Article 3:** **Objectives and Activities**

- The Union shall offer every person who is in its territory an area of freedom, security and justice<sup>4</sup>
- The highest level of child protection
- All measures necessary to ensure respect for the right of asylum and the free movement of persons<sup>6</sup>
- Right to information<sup>4</sup>
- Freedom and Diversity of Media and there Plurality
- All appropriate measures to prevent and punish international crime<sup>6</sup>
- A common foreign and security policy, oriented towards protection and establishment of global peace, freedom and development<sup>2</sup>
- An economic, monetary and social union<sup>1</sup>
- Social and economic balance and fight against inequality
- Social and economic cohesion<sup>1</sup>
- Promotion of economic and social progress<sup>1</sup>
- A high degree of competitiveness and convergence of economic performance<sup>1</sup>
- Full Employment<sup>1</sup>
- A high quality of employment providing a minimum living income<sup>1</sup>
- Right to information, consultation and co-decision of employees<sup>1</sup>
- Raising of the standard of living and quality of life<sup>1</sup>
- General and non-discriminatory access to services of general interest<sup>1</sup>
- A high level of social protection, social security<sup>1</sup>, protection of the aged and a health service, based on solidarity of citizens and generations<sup>8</sup>
- Balanced relations between the generations<sup>1</sup>
- Social Peace<sup>8</sup>
- Absence of economic and social hardship and poverty<sup>1</sup>
- Fight against cross-border threats to public health<sup>3</sup>
- Promotion of solidarity among Member States and with all people living in the Union
- The Combat against discrimination based on nationality, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to promote equality between men and women<sup>7</sup>
- The active promotion in particular of the equality of men and women<sup>2</sup>
- Combat exclusion<sup>4</sup>
- Promotion of the cultural and spiritual evolvement of her peoples and respecting their diversity<sup>10</sup>
- The improvement of skills and promotion of access to knowledge and opportunities<sup>3</sup>
- A knowledge-based society in a European research area<sup>4</sup>
- A harmonious, balanced, sustainable and ecologically sound development<sup>1</sup>
- A high level of protection of the environment<sup>1</sup>
- The safety in the field of nuclear energy<sup>13</sup>
- Protection of consumers<sup>4</sup>

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