

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3. 4**

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**Status : Observer**

<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<p><b><u>Article 3: The Union's objectives</u></b></p> <p>1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples.</p> <p>2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and social justice, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union, aiming at full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards. It shall promote economic and social cohesion, equality between women and men, and environmental and social protection, and shall develop scientific and technological advance including the discovery of space. It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, and equal opportunities for all.</p> <p>3. The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice, in which its shared values are developed and the richness of its cultural diversity is respected.</p> <p>4. In defending Europe's independence and</p>	<p><b><u>Article 3: The Union's objectives</u></b></p> <p>1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples.</p> <p>2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and social justice, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union, aiming at full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards, <b><i>in accordance with the principles of open market economy with free competition.</i></b> . It shall promote economic and social cohesion, equality between women and men, and environmental and social protection, and shall develop scientific and technological advance including the discovery of space. It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, and equal opportunities for all.</p> <p>3. The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice, in which its shared values are developed and the richness of its cultural diversity is respected.</p> <p>4. In defending Europe's independence and</p>

<p>interests, the Union shall seek to advance its values in the wider world. It shall contribute to the sustainable development of the earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty and protection of children's rights, strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, and peace between States.</p> <p>5. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, depending on the extent to which the relevant competences are attributed to the Union by this Constitution.</p>	<p>interests, the Union shall seek to advance its values in the wider world. It shall contribute to <b>the promotion of free trade</b>, the sustainable development of the earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty and protection of children's rights, strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, and peace between States.</p> <p>5. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, depending on the extent to which the relevant competences are attributed to the Union by this Constitution.</p>
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**Explanation (if any):**

**Paragraph 2: The reference to open market economy and free competition is to incorporate the current principles of article 4 of the EC Treaty.**

**Paragraph 4: The main competence of the Union in external relations has been trade and it should adequately be expressed in the Union objectives as well. This provides a good balance in regard to the Unions activities in external relations.**