

TREATY OF LISBON
AMENDING THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION AND
THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY
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PREAMBLE

DESIRING to complete the process started by the Treaty of Amsterdam and by the Treaty of Nice with a view to enhancing the efficiency and democratic legitimacy of the Union and to improving the coherence of its action,

HAVE RESOLVED to amend the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community...

AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION AND TO
THE TREATY
ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Article 1

The Treaty on European Union shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2

1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples.
2. The Union shall offer its citizens an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers, in which the free movement of persons is ensured in conjunction with appropriate measures with respect to external border controls, asylum, immigration and the prevention and combating of crime.

3. **The Union shall** establish an internal market. It shall **work for the sustainable development of Europe** based on balanced economic growth and price stability, a highly competitive **social market economy**, aiming at full employment and social progress, and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment. It shall promote scientific and technological advance.

It shall combat social exclusion and discrimination, and shall promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of the rights of the child.

It shall promote economic, social and territorial cohesion, and solidarity among Member States.

It shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced.

...5. **In its relations with the wider world, the Union shall** uphold and promote its values and interests and contribute to the protection of its citizens. It shall **contribute to** peace, security, **the sustainable development of the Earth**, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, free and fair trade, eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights, in particular the rights of the child, as well as to the strict observance and the development of international law, including respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter.

...GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE UNION'S EXTERNAL ACTION

24) The following new Chapter 1 and Articles 10 A and 10 B shall be inserted:

'CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE UNION'S EXTERNAL ACTION

Article 10 A

...2. The Union shall define and pursue common policies and actions, and shall work for a high degree of cooperation in all fields of international relations, in order to:

...(d) **foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of developing countries**, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty;

...(f) **help develop international measures** to preserve and improve the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of global natural resources, in order **to ensure sustainable development**;

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Does the Treaty of Lisbon preserve what the EU has achieved for the environment? What about climate change?

Yes, entirely. The Treaty of Lisbon states that one of the Union's objectives is to work for the sustainable development of Europe based, in particular, on a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment. **Although the idea of sustainable development was included in the existing treaties, the Treaty of Lisbon reinforces and better defines this objective. Sustainable development is also affirmed as one of the fundamental objectives of the Union in its relations with the wider world.**

The environment is one of the spheres of competence shared between the Union and the Member States. When the Union intervenes in this area, it must contribute to the pursuit of clear objectives: preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment; protecting human health; promoting prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources; promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Climate change is among the biggest environmental, social and economic challenges currently facing mankind. With the Treaty of Lisbon, combating climate change on an international level becomes a specific objective of EU environmental policy. The Treaty of Lisbon adds the support of international action for fighting climate change to the list of objectives defining environmental policy at EU level. In so doing, the Treaty clearly recognises that the EU has a leading role to play on the world stage in this area.