

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 8:

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Ad "integration" in article 8, item 1:

The limits and use of Union competences are governed by the principles of conferral, subsidiarity, proportionality, **integration** and loyal cooperation.

Ad to article 8, item 3 - 5, as a new item 6:

In accordance with the principle of integration, environmental protection requirements must be integrated into the definition and implementation of the Union policies and activities referred to in Part 3, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.

Explanatory note

1. The integration principle is part of the existing Treaty (article 6, EC Treaty).
2. The integration principle is currently found in the same part of the EC Treaty as the principles of subsidiarity (art. 5), proportionality (art. 5) and loyal cooperation (art. 10).
3. These fundamental principles are all found in a prominent place at the front of the Treaty.
4. The integration principle and the subsidiarity principle were both first found in the environment title of the Treaty. Both have been moved forward to a prominent place in the Treaty, subsidiarity by the Treaty of Maastricht, integration by the Treaty of Amsterdam.
5. The integration principle is an essential support to the Union's objective of sustainable development.
6. To treat the integration principle differently from other established fundamental principles and to give it a less prominent place in the Constitution than it now has in the Treaty would be a giant step backward.
7. "Part 3" refers to that portion in the new Constitutional Treaty dealing with the policies and activities in which the EU will play a role.