

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article III-3a: Clauses with General Application**

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**Article III-3a (new)**

*With regard to all the activities referred to in this Part, the Union shall promote open and competitive markets, entrepreneurship, private property protection, sound public finances and stable prices.*

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*Explanation:*

The clauses of general application are of crucial importance for the interpretation of all provisions of Part Three. However, the current version of these general clauses appears to be imbalanced. It mentions non-discrimination, environment protection, consumer protection, and services of general economic interest, but neglects entirely the general economic and market-economy principles which today shape the Union's activities (see in particular the present Articles 2 and 4 EC Treaty). We therefore ask for re-establishing this balance by inserting a new Article 3a. This also would be in line with the balance between social and economic objectives agreed for the final version of Article I-3 of the Constitution.