

Treaty on European Union: Article 1 (Maastricht, 7 February 1992) — 1997 consolidated version

Caption: The Treaty of Amsterdam, signed on 2 October 1997, amends the Treaty on European Union and incorporates the principle of openness.

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Treaty on European Union

[Consolidated version including the amendments of the Treaty of Amsterdam of 2 October 1997].

[...]

Article 1 (ex Article A)

By this Treaty, the HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES establish among themselves a EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter called 'the Union'.

This Treaty marks a new stage in the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe, in which decisions are taken as openly as possible and as closely as possible to the citizen.

The Union shall be founded on the European Communities, supplemented by the policies and forms of cooperation established by this Treaty. Its task shall be to organise, in a manner demonstrating consistency and solidarity, relations between the Member States and between their peoples.

[...]