**The Five Aims of the European Union**

The EU has five top aims that each member country must try to achieve.

1. **Promote economic and social progress**

Help people earn enough money to get treated fairly.

1. **Speak for the European Union on the international scene**

By working as a group the EU hopes that Europe will be listened to more by other countries.

1. **Introduce European citizenship**

Anyone from a member state is a citizen of the EU and gets four special rights.

1. **Develop Europe as an area of freedom, security and justice.**

Helps Europeans to live in safety, without the threat of war.

1. **Maintain and build on established EU law**

Make laws that protect peoples’ rights in the member countries.