

AMENDMENT FORM

Title I

Suggestion for amendment of Article: I-1

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TITLE I: DEFINITION, VALUES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UNION

Article I-1: ~~Establishment~~ **Definition** of the Union

1. Reflecting the will of the citizens, **peoples** and States of Europe to build a common future, this Constitution ~~establishes~~ **defines a new stage in the development of** the European Union* , on which the Member States confer competences to attain objectives they have in common. The Union shall coordinate the policies by which the Member States aim to achieve those objectives, and shall exercise in the Community way the competences they confer on it.
2. The Union shall be open to all European States which respect its values and are committed to promoting them together.

Explanation:

1. *The new Treaty is a legal and constitutional continuation of the existing European construct thus it has to be made clear that the new Treaty does not create a new European Union, but rather marks a new stage of its development.*

** The previous founding treaties of the Communities and of the European Union should be mentioned in the Preamble of the EU Constitutional Treaty.*