

AMENDMENT FORM

Title I: Definition and objectives of the Union

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-1 Establishment of the Union

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Article I-1: Establishment of the Union

1. Reflecting the will of the citizens and *states* of Europe to build a common future, this Constitution establishes 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 these objectives, and shall exercise *common* competences *on a federal basis according to the provisions of this Constitution*.
 2. The Union shall be open to all European States which respect its values and are committed to promoting them together.
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Explanation:

1.1 The phrase 'in the Community way' is unheard of. At least, in English, it should be 'method'.

However, as we are abolishing the Community it seems madness to introduce a term which will be completely obscure to future generations even if it does not prove to be so now.

'Federal' is the most truthful description of the way in which the Union exercises its common competences. To avoid distortion about what 'federal' implies, we suggest the rider 'according to the provisions of the Constitution.

'States' should be lower case, as are the peoples, here and elsewhere.