

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1

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Article 1: Establishment of the Union

- 1.1 The peoples and states of Europe, *determined* to build *their* future *together*, establish *the European Union. Under the provisions of* this Constitution *they will coordinate their policies and organise* common competences on a federal basis.
- 1.2 *Delete*
- 1.3 The Union shall be open to all European states whose peoples share the same values, respect them and are committed to promoting them.
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Explanation :

1.1 The original is well meaning but not well crafted. The reflection of will to build a common future is a bit weak. The amendment says it is a determination to build a future "together".

Structurally speaking, there are two separate thoughts in the clause: first, the establishment of the Union; second the provisions of the Constitution. It needs two sentences.

In the second sentence we have kept together the same collective of peoples and states. People as well as states will be involved in the democratic processes. It would be a pity to drop them out of the picture so early.

'States' should be lower case, as are the peoples, here and elsewhere (eg. 1.3).

1.2 That the Union respects national identities is nothing to do with the establishment of the Union. It is a value judgement, and therefore should appear in Article 2.