

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1.1, Title I

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- Replace the title “Constitution” by the “Constitutional treaty” (in the whole text);
- The term “equal States” shall be inserted in the definition of the Union;
- The title of the Union should remain the “European Union”;
- Abstain from the reference to “a federal basis”.

*1. Reflecting the will of the peoples and the States of Europe to build a common future, this **Constitutional Treaty** establishes a Union **of equal States** entitled **European Union**, within which the policies of the Member States shall be coordinated, and which shall administer certain common competence. ~~on a federal basis.~~*

Explanation (if any) :

The Union is a specific entity, which is based on the several establishing Treaties. Taking into account that the constitutional issues in the EU are approved on the basis of the agreement between the Member States in form of the treaties, the new Treaty should be defined as the Constitutional Treaty.

The use of the term “federal” is not acceptable, as it would lead to misconception among the EU citizens that a federal state is being built. Taking into account that the mechanisms of common action between the EU and its Member States will be established in the EU Constitutional Treaty, it is not necessary to use any specific term when describing these mechanisms.