

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1

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Article 1 paragraph 1

1. Reflecting the will of the peoples and the States of Europe to build a common future, this Constitution establishes a Union [entitled ...], within which the policies of the Member States shall be coordinated, and which shall administer certain common competences ~~on a federal basis~~ *as laid down in this Constitution*.

Explanation: In constitutional law, the term « federal » is closely associated with the notion of a « federal state ». Using this term for describing the Union can give rise to misunderstandings and unfounded doubts about the nature of the Union. The European Union is commonly regarded as a sui generis political entity, which is governed by the rules laid down in international treaties. The aim of the Convention is to make the EU more transparent, democratic and efficient, not to change the Union's nature. The new Constitution should make this clear by avoiding terminology, which is traditionally used in the context of states.