

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1

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1. **This Constitutional Treaty defines the values, the objectives and the competences of the European Union, established for our common future by the States and the People of Europe.**

2. The Union shall respect the national identities of its Member States, **in particular their political and constitutional structure, organisation of the public authorities at national, regional and local level, as well as their choice of languages.**

3. The Union shall be open to all European States whose peoples share the **Union's** [...] values, respect them and are committed to promoting them together.

Explanation (if any) :

There is no need to change the name of the Union. It would be important to preserve the basic principles of openness and the key role of citizens in the opening provision of the Union's founding text, as in the current Art. 1 TEU.

As the so-called identity clause does not relate solely to the exercise of the Union's competence, it should be moved here from the proposed Art. 9 para. 6 and complemented by a reference to the choice of languages.

It would be more precise and therefore preferable to refer to the Union's values than to the peoples' "same" values.