

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Suggestion for amendment of Article 1**

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#### *Proposed Amendments:*

##### Article 1: Establishment of the Union

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.

2. The Union shall respect the national identities of its Member States, *inherent in their fundamental structures and essential State functions, especially their political and constitutional structure, including the organization of public administration at the national, regional and local level.*

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#### Explanation:

1. Deleting the phrase „*on federal basis*”. This phrase is unclear. The choosing of federalism essentially resolves the dispute between federalists and supporters of the intergovernmental method. It's inclusion is bewildering as certain declarations which constitute the basis for the work of the Convention (Nice, Laeken) do not indicate that a federalist vision of Europe had been accepted. Such vision is inseparably connected with the intention to transform the Union into a state, as no federal international organizations exist. The current formula, which is mixed (the community method

supplemented by the intergovernmental method [included in the TEU and TEC without any reference to federalism] ) seems to be more advantageous.

2. Para. 2 of art. 1 in its current wording was replaced by para. 6 of art. 9.