

## AMENDMENT FORM 1

Amendment of Article 1 § 2

Amendment of Article 9 § 6

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"RECOGNITION OF DIVERSITY"

– **Addition to Article 1 §2 :**

*" The Union shall respect the national identities of its Member States, their cultural and linguistic diversity and the principle of local and regional autonomy."*

And

– **Addition to Article 9 §6 :**

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

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**Explanation:**

The debate during the Convention meeting of 7 February 2003 showed broad support for a comprehensive definition of national identity, which would bring out more clearly the need for explicit recognition of the diversity principle.