

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article 34**

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<p><b><u>Article 34: The principle of participatory democracy</u></b></p> <p>1. Every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union.</p> <p>2. The Union institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their opinions on all areas of Union action.</p> <p>3. The Union institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society.</p>	<p><b><u>Article 34: The principle of participatory democracy</u></b></p> <p>1. Every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the <i>Community if this is consistent with the rights they hold in their respective Member States.</i></p> <p>2. The <i>Community</i> institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their opinions on all areas of <i>Community</i> action.</p> <p>3. The <i>Community</i> institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society.</p> <p><b>Explanation: In the United Kingdom, for example, prisoners do not have the right to vote and the simplifying Treaty should not provide rights which are not already enshrined in national laws.</b></p>