

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-49

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#### Article I-49: Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's Institutions

1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union's Institutions, bodies and agencies shall conduct their work ~~as openly as possible~~ in accordance with the principle of openness. Exceptions to openness should be laid down in a European law<sup>1</sup>

2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when it is discussing and adopting a legislative proposal.

3. Any citizen of the Union, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing or having its registered office in a Member State, shall have a right of access to documents of the Union's Institutions, bodies and agencies in whatever form they are produced, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Part Three.

4. A European law shall lay down the general principles and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to such documents.

5. Each institution, body or agency referred to in paragraph 3 shall determine in its own rules of procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents, in accordance with the European law referred to in paragraph 4 above.

6. The Members of the institutions of the Union, the members of committees, and the officials and other servants of the Union have the right to freedom of expression. This may be restricted in accordance with principles and conditions to be defined in the Staff Regulations.<sup>2</sup>

#### Explanation:

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<sup>1</sup> The European law should clearly state the grounds for secrecy.

<sup>2</sup> Freedom of expression must be guaranteed.