

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 36

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<p><u>Article 36: Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's institutions</u></p> <p>1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union institutions shall conduct their work as openly as possible.</p> <p>2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when it is discussing a legislative proposal.</p> <p>3. Any citizen of the Union, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing in a Member State, shall have a right of access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents in whatever form they are produced, and to those of the agencies and bodies created by those institutions.</p> <p>4. General principles, conditions and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the legislative procedure.</p> <p>5. Each institution, agency or body referred to in paragraph 2 shall determine in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents.</p>	<p><u>Article 36: Transparency of the proceedings of the Community's institutions</u></p> <p>1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the <i>Community</i> institutions shall conduct their work <u><i>openly, unless there are compelling reasons for the matter to be debated "in camera"</i></u>.</p> <p>2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when it is discussing a legislative proposal.</p> <p>3. Any citizen of the <i>Community</i>, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing in a Member State, shall have a right of access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents in whatever form they are produced, and to those of the agencies and bodies created by those institutions.</p> <p>4. General principles, conditions and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the legislative procedure. <u><i>However, in the interests of accountability, Members of the European Parliament acting in their professional capacity shall have the right to view any Council, Commission or Parliament document.</i></u></p> <p>5. Each institution, agency or body referred to in paragraph 2 shall determine in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents.</p>

	<p>Explanation: MEPs, as elected representatives in the European Community, should have the right to access documentation in order to guarantee transparency.</p>
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