

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article 7**

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Article 7: Citizenship of the Union

- 7.1 Every national of a Member State shall *also* be a citizen of the *Union*. *All* citizens of the Union shall be equal before the law.
- 7.2 Citizens of the Union shall enjoy the rights *as set out in the Charter* and be subject to the duties provided for in this *Constitution*. *These* rights shall be exercised in accordance with the conditions and limits defined by this Constitution and by the measures adopted to give it effect.
- 7.3 *Delete*
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**Explanation:**

7.1 *The second sentence of the Praesidium's draft is almost apologetic in tone. The idea that EU citizenship is a supplement to and not a substitute for national citizenship, if needed, can better be rendered by the addition of the word 'also' in the first sentence.*

*In the last sentence, the reference to 'women and men' is incongruous. What other kind of citizen could there reasonably be?*

7.2 *The detailed provisions of citizenship are laid down in the Charter and are not necessary to be repeated here on condition that the Charter is incorporated prominently in Part One. It is sensible, in that case, to add an explicit reference to the Charter as being the place where citizens can find their rights.*

*7.3 is elided with the revised 7.2 in the interests of comprehension.*