

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for : Part III**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-3**

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### **Amendment : Art : III-3**

"Given the place occupied by services of general interest as services **in the shared values of the Union and in order to give everybody access to essential goods and services**, as well as their role in promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion, the Union and the Member States, each within their respective powers and within the scope of application of the Constitution, shall take care that such services operate on the basis of principles and conditions which enable them to fulfill their missions, **and therefore take the appropriate measures**, without prejudice to Articles III-52, III-53 and III-131."

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### **Explanation :**

The wording of current Article 16 "...services of general economic interest in the shared values of the Union..." has been changed in the new Article III-3 by "...services to which all in the Union attribute value...". The new wording weakens the status of services of general (economic) interest within the framework of the future Constitution. Moreover, current Article 16, as amended by the Praesidium in Article III-3 , should be enriched by a legal basis for European secondary law precisising and framing the missions of services of general interest in order to enable a good functioning of services of general interest in the future.