

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article I-1.3 (new):

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**Status :**

- Members: Hjelm-Wallén, Lekberg and Lennmarker**
- Alternates: Petersson, Svensson and Kvist**

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**3. The Union shall take decisions as openly as possible and as closely as possible to its citizens.<sup>1</sup>**

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### Explanation

<sup>1</sup> Corresponds to the text in Article 1 EU (second sentence). The Amsterdam Treaty introduced the principle that the decisions of the Union should be taken “*as openly as possible and as closely as possible to the citizen.*” It is important to retain this phrase in the *introductory* articles of a constitutional treaty. To move this principle from the introductory articles to a less visible place in the constitutional treaty gives the impression that the Union attaches less importance to the principle of openness than under the current treaties.