

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
Article 1: Establishment of the Union	Article 1: Establishment of the Union
<p>1. Reflecting the will of the peoples and the States of Europe to build a common future, this Constitution establishes a Union [entitled ...], within which the policies of the Member States shall be coordinated, and which shall administer certain common competences on a federal basis.</p> <p>2. The Union shall respect the national identities of its Member States.</p> <p>3. The Union shall be open to all European States whose peoples share the same values, respect them and are committed to promoting them together.</p>	<p>1. Reflecting the will of the peoples and the States of Europe to build a common future <u>among them an ever closer Union</u>, this Constitution establishes <u>the European a</u> Union [entitled ...], within which the policies of the Member States shall be coordinated, and which shall administer <u>manage</u> certain common competences on a federal basis <u>in the joint interest</u>.</p> <p><u>2. The Union shall have legal personality.</u></p> <p><u>32.</u> The Union shall respect the national identities of its Member States, <u>their constitutional and political structures including regional and local self-government</u>.</p> <p><u>43.</u> The Union shall be open to all European States whose peoples share the same values, respect them and are committed to promoting them together.</p>

Explanation:

1. The notion of “an ever closer Union” should be reinserted.
2. The wording “in the joint interest” could be a compromise solution. Moreover, the subsequent Treaty provisions describe the basis on which certain common competences are managed.
3. This Article seems to be appropriate to include also legal personality of the Union.
4. At this stage we should already give up the discussion on the future name for the Union and agree on the current name which, I would not hesitate to say, finds an overwhelming support of political leaders, commentators and public opinion.
5. It is essential to underline at the beginning of the text the importance and independence of the administrative structures of the Member States.