

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Preamble

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Status : - Member

(Quotation unchanged)

Conscious that Europe is a continent that has brought forth **democracy**; that its inhabitants, arriving in successive waves since the first ages of mankind, have gradually developed the **human values of equality of persons, freedom and respect for reason.**

Drawing inspiration from the **diverse religious, humanist and cultural inheritance of Europe, characterised by the spiritual impulse always present in its heritage, which has embedded within the life of society its perception of the centrality, and the inviolable and inalienable rights, of the human person, and of respect for law.**

Believing

Convinced that....

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Delete last paragraph.

(Who....)

Explanation (if any) :

Europe cannot claim to have brought forth civilisation but can lay better claim to democracy.

The amended text of the first paragraph seems a more appropriate way of expressing the idea being put forward.

The references in the original draft of the second paragraph to Greece, Rome and the Enlightenment appear historically selective. It seems better to avoid the use of 'his' in reference to the human person.

It seems inappropriate to draft such an expression of appreciation to ourselves.