

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-2: The Union's values**

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### Article I-2: The Union's values

The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, liberty, ***equality***, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights. These values are common to the Member States in a society of pluralism, tolerance, justice, *[delete: equality]* solidarity and non-discrimination.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Placing "equality" in the second sentence of the article is NOT innocent. In the present draft from the Presidium "equality" is NOT a value. Almost the contrary. As it stands the values are common for societies, which in addition are characterised by pluralism, tolerance, equality and more. But that means something which one is exactly characterised by, not something absolute. One can measure whether a society is based on (at least formally) equality. In addition concrete legislation and legislative practice exist. This is not the case in relation to pluralism and tolerance.