

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of art. 2

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Article 2 The Union's values

Suggested Amended version of Article 2:

“The Union is founded on respect for human dignity, liberty, human rights, tolerance, democracy, solidarity, justice and the rule of law, values which are common to the Member States.”

Explanatory note

Solidarity is a fundamental value of the EU not just an objective. Solidarity should be included as a fundamental value of the European Union on the same level as freedom, justice, pluralistic democracy and human rights. This is rightly recommended by Working Group XI (Social Europe) and, in my view, the Convention should be four-squarely fully behind this recommendation.

The adoption by the Convention of such an amended clauses would represent an important development away from the rather peripheral reference to solidarity in Article 2 TEC which, in the heading “Principles”, inter alia, refers to “economic and social cohesion *and solidarity* among Member States”.
