

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 2:

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

The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, liberty, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights **and equality between men and women**¹ values which are common to the Member States. Its aim is a society at peace, through the practice of, tolerance, justice, and solidarity.

Explanation

¹ Equality between of men and women is one of the core values of the Union (expressed for example in Article 3.2 EC: *"In all the activities ... the Community shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women"*). Manifest risk of serious breach of this value should be sufficient to initiate the procedure for alerting and sanctioning a Member State. Promotion of equality between men and women must also remain a general objective for the Union (Article 3).