

Amendments submitted by Teija Tiilikainen and Antti Peltomäki 17 February 2003

Article 2: The Union's values

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

Commentary:

It is self-evident that equality is one of the key values of the Union.