

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 2

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

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### Explanation (if any) :

It is of utmost importance, that equality between men and women remain among both the values and the objectives of the Union in the future Constitutional Treaty.

The European Union is NOT a discrimination free society. The European Union today is NOT gender equal. Women all over Europe are, on a daily basis, experiencing discrimination in its various forms - be it as concrete as violence or as subtle as the paygap or the glass ceiling which hinders the advancement of women. Gender equality must be a FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE of the European Union, which cannot be ignored or negotiated away if Europe is to be a gender equal society.

We cannot speak of any sort of free choice until we have changed the unequal foundation, which is at the moment our starting point.