

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article I-37

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Article I:37: Principles common to the Union's legal acts

2. European laws, European framework laws, European regulations and European decisions shall state the reasons on which they are based and shall refer to any proposals or opinions required by this Constitution. Such legal acts should be drafted clearly, simply and precisely with the aim of making them easy to understand for the citizens.¹

¹ Recent research studies confirm that Community legislation is still drafted in a style that makes it unnecessary difficult to read and understand. Vague wording, archaic words, long sentences and complex sentence structure are some of the problems. The question of clear legal acts has ultimately great impact on the democratic legitimacy of the Union.