

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 44, Part I of the Constitution

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#### **Article I-44: The principle of democratic equality**

In all its activities, the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of citizens **and the equality of Member States.** ~~All shall receive equal attention from the Union's Institutions.~~

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#### **Explanation (if any) :**

The scope and purpose of this article is still unclear to us. As a starting point for title VI it should, however, cover also the other leading principle in this respect namely that of equality between Member States. In this way, a necessary recognition is given to the dual nature of the Union as the Union of citizens and Member States. This dual nature is a founding element of the Union, and mentioning it in the Chapter concerning the democratic life of the Union is essential.

It is especially warranted following the introduction of a new article 45 concerning the principle of democratic representation, which explains both how citizens and how Member States are represented in the Union. It is therefore absolutely necessary to maintain, that the principle of equality is applied in relation to these both.