

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 33

Suggestion for Part III

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The Union's operation shall be founded on the principle of the equality of citizens, ~~who shall receive equal attention from the Union's institutions.~~

Explanation (if any) : What is meant by 'equal attention from the Union's institutions'? Furthermore, the Dutch Government would like to point out that this article and others (see below) are a repetition of what is already laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights. If the Charter would become an integral part of the Constitution, such a repetition is obviously undesirable. Therefore, if the Charter would become an integral part of the Constitution this article and the articles 35, 35a, 36(3), 36a(1), 37 will have to be deleted and/or adjusted. See for further background information the relevant declaration of the Dutch Permanent Representative (CONV 659/03).