

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 34 (title VI, part I of the Treaty)

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Status: Alternate

Article 34: The principle of participatory democracy

1. Every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union.
2. The Union institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their opinions on all areas of Union action.

3. The Union recognizes the important contribution of the national parliaments to the democratic life of the Union.

~~3.4.~~ The Union institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society.

Explanation:

The important contribution of the national parliaments to the democratic life of the Union must be reflected in a Treaty title on the democratic life of the Union. It would send an important signal to the citizens that the national parliaments play an important role at the European level.