

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article :Article I-45°**

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### **Article I-45: The principle of representative democracy**

2. Citizens are directly represented at Union level in the European Parliament. Member States are represented ~~in the European Council and~~ in the Council by their governments, themselves accountable to national Parliaments, elected by their citizens.
4. Political parties at European level **are an important factor of integration within the Union.** **They** contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union.
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**Explanation (if any):We maintain our initial proposal which reproduces the current text of article 191 of the EC Treaty.**