

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Part One of the Constitution, Title VI: The democratic life of the Union

### Article 35a: Political parties at European level

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*Text of the Praesidium*

*Proposed Amendments*

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*Political Parties at European level are important as a factor for integration within the Union. They contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union.*

*The Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall adopt the regulations governing political parties at European level and in particular the rules regarding their funding.*

*Political parties shall constitute their internal organisation on a democratic basis. They shall nominate their candidates for the European Parliament according to democratic procedures.*

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### ***Explanation:***

The agreement found in Nice regarding the regulations on European political parties was an important step to the recognition of the role of European political parties, their juridical status and their financing. It is not acceptable to fall back behind the acquis of Nice. Therefore the Nice formula (Art. 191 ECT) is taken over, including few changes in the wording.

In the third para, the democratic organisation of political parties especially regarding the nomination of candidates for the EP should be emphasized.