

AMENDMENT FORM

Title VI: The democratic life of the Union

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 35a

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Article 35a: Political parties at European level

Political parties *shall be established at the level of the Union according to the provisions of a statute to be determined by the legislature. They shall contribute to the democratic unity of the peoples of Europe.*

Explanation:

It cannot be necessary to repeat Article 12.2 of the Charter, as the draft does, in respect of the "political will" of the citizens.

What is needed is the legal base for the establishment of genuine European political parties.

We propose that the Article is completed by a reference to the integrative role of political parties, as stated in Article 191 TEC.