

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article I-49.6

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Status : - **Members: Hjelm-Wallén, Lekberg and Lennmarker**
 - **Alternates: Petersson**

Article I-49: Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's institutions¹

6. The Members of the institutions of the Union, the members of committees, and the officials and other servants of the Union have the right to freedom of expression. This may be restricted in accordance with the principles and conditions to be defined in the Staff Regulations.

¹ The principle of transparency includes more than public legislative debates and public access to documents, *inter alia* the officials' right to freedom of expression. The right to freedom of expression constitutes one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and one of the basic conditions of its progress. It should be codified in Union law (*cf.* CONV 637/03). This codification could be included in this Article (or in Article III-332, presently dealing with confidentiality).