

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 36. 3-4

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Status :- Member: Hjelm-Wallén, Tiilikainen, Lekberg

- Alternate: Thorning-Schmidt, Dybkjær, Kauppi, Kvist and Svensson

Article 36, Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's institutions

3. Any citizen of the Union, ~~man or woman,~~¹ and any natural or legal person residing **or having its registered office** in a Member State, shall have a right of access to ~~European Parliament, Council and Commission~~ documents **of the Union institutions,** ~~and their in whatever form they are produced, and to those of the agencies and bodies created by those institutions.~~²

4. General principles, ~~conditions~~³ and limits ~~which~~ on grounds of public or private interest, ~~govern~~ **governing this** right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the legislative procedure **within two years of the entry into force of [the Treaty].**⁴

¹ Superfluous. That men and women have equal rights is a fundamental principle of the Union and does not need to be mentioned specifically in particular articles

² In order to achieve greater openness and increased confidence in the Union, the rules on public access to documents must be extended to cover *all* EU institutions and bodies.

³ Superfluous. The conditions are included in the principles and their limitations.

⁴ A time limit should also be included in this article.