

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 36.5 and 6 (new)

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

5. Each institution, agency or body referred to in paragraph 2 ³¹ shall determine in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents.

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.²

¹ Incorrect reference.

² 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, in a separate Article under this Title or in the Title dealing with the Institutions.