

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 37

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Article 37: Status of churches and non-confessional organisations

1. ~~— The European Union respects and does not prejudice the status under national law of churches and religious associations or communities in the Member States.~~
2. ~~— The European Union equally respects the status of philosophical and non-confessional organisations.~~
3. ~~— The Union shall maintain a regular dialogue with these churches and organisations, recognising their identity and their specific contribution.~~

The status of Churches and non-confessional organisations need not be included in the Treaty. Their interests and role are covered by other articles dealing with civil society.