

AMENDMENT FORM

Title II: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship of the Union

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article I-7: Fundamental Rights

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TITLE II: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNION

Article I-7: Fundamental rights

1. The Union shall recognise the rights, freedoms and principles set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights which constitutes the Second Part of this Constitution.
2. The Union shall seek accession to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Accession to that Convention shall not affect the Union's competences as defined in this Constitution. ***The Union may also seek accession to other international human rights conventions.***
3. Fundamental rights, as guaranteed by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and as they result from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States, shall constitute general principles of the Union's law.

Explanation:

7.2 Although the ECHR is the principal human rights convention, and in the light of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice may need a specific mention in the Constitution, it is by no means the only one. We need to provide for EU activism in the field of human rights.