

AMENDMENT FORM

Title VI: The democratic life of the Union

Suggestion for amendment of Title VI:

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Status : **Members and alternate members.**

Delete whole Title VI

Explanation:

We propose the deletion of the whole of Title VI from the draft Constitution. We would reallocate draft articles 33 to 37 (in the form in which we propose they should be amended) to the titles and articles to which they properly belong.

Title VI is an inadequate advertisement of the Union's true democratic underpinnings. It reads like an apology. It is principally a compilation of loosely connected declarations without operative effect. Consequently, it diminishes the visibility and impact of the true democratic principles and legal bases of the Union's decision-making institutions.

The operative principles and bases which are contained in draft Title VI should instead be set out as follows:-

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| <i>Article 34</i> | <i>Title IV Institutions (Article 14 bis)</i> |
| <i>Article 35</i> | <i>Title II Citizenship (Article 6 bis)</i> |
| <i>Article 35a</i> | <i>Title IV Institutions (Article 16 bis)</i> |
| <i>Article 36</i> | <i>Title IV Institutions (Article 23 bis)</i> |
| <i>Article 36a</i> | <i>Title IV Institutions (Article 23 ter).</i> |