

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article: 9

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#### **Article 9: Application of fundamental principles**

1. The Treaty, and law adopted by the Institutions of the Europe of Democracies in exercising competences conferred on it by the Treaty, respects the national constitutions and the legislative authority of the national parliaments.
2. In exercising the competences of the Europe of Democracies, the Institutions shall apply the principle of subsidiarity as laid down in the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the Treaty. National parliaments shall have the authority to ensure compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. <sup>1</sup>
3. In exercising the competences of the Europe of Democracies, the Institutions shall apply the principle of proportionality as laid down in the same Protocol.

*Paragraph 4 and 5 to be deleted and paragraph 6 to become paragraph 4 in the following form:*

4. The Europe of Democracies shall respect the national identities of its Member States, inherent in their fundamental structures and essential State functions, especially their political and constitutional structure, including the organisation of public administration at national, regional and local level and the national democracy

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<sup>1</sup> A new version of the Protocol will be circulated shortly.