

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of **Article 9: Application of fundamental principles**

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Article 9: Application of fundamental principles – paragraph 6

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

Explanation (if any) :

To make it clear that national identity is not limited to fundamental structure and essential state functions of Member States (particularly when read in conjunction with Article 1.2).

Recognition of the the responsibilities incumbent on Member States with regard to the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of internal security (cf Articles 33, 35.5 TEU, Art. 64.1 TEC) should be included either here or at an appropriate place elsewhere in the Constitution.