

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Suggestion for amendment of Article 331**

#### **Suggestion for Part: III**

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1. Measures for the production and dissemination of official statistics of the European Union (European Statistics), where necessary for the performance of the tasks of the Union, shall be laid down by Law, without prejudice to Article 5 of the Protocol of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and the European Central Bank.

2. The European Statistical System shall comprise the Union's Statistical Service, and the National Statistical Institutes and other statistical authorities of the Member States. It shall produce and disseminate European Statistics in conformity with the principles of relevance, reliability, impartiality, professional independence, equality of access, statistical confidentiality, and cost-effectiveness; and shall not entail excessive burden on respondents.

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#### **Explanation (if any):**

The current legal basis for the production of European Statistics as laid down in the proposed Article III-331 ( ex Article 285 TEC) by the Presidium, shows a number of shortcomings such as confirming a legal base for the European Statistical System, and the undisposable provisions of authoritative dissemination of statistical results. Therefore we propose to include in Part III a new Article III-331.