

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article III-332 bis**

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**Status :**  
- Member: Hjelm-Wallén, Lekberg and Lennmarker  
- Alternate: Petersson, Kvist and Svensson

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**The Members of the institutions of the Union, the members of committees, and the officials and other servants of the Union have the right to freedom of expression.**

**This may be restricted in accordance with the principles and conditions to be defined in the Staff Regulations.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The principle of transparency includes more than public legislative debates and public access to documents, *inter alia* the officials' right to freedom of expression. The right to freedom of expression constitutes one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and one of the basic conditions of its progress. It should be codified in Union law (*cf.* CONV 637/03). This codification could be included in this Article or in Article III-332, presently dealing with confidentiality.