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Religious reference in the Constitutional Treaty

The Constitutional Treaty should create a Union of freedom, values and responsibility. The ethical roots of Europe are also found in its religious heritage. This should be recognized in the future Constitution.

We propose to include the following texts for a religious reference in the Constitutional Treaty:

1. Preamble:

[The Member States and the Citizens of the European Union,]

conscious of their history, of the indivisible, universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity, and of what Europe owes to its spiritual and moral heritage.

2. In appropriate article:

The Union values include the values of those who believe in God as the source of truth, justice, good and beauty as well as of those who do not share such a belief but respect these universal values arising from other sources.

The formulation is based on texts from the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Polish Constitution.