

Article 1

The present Dutch Constitution states:

All persons in the Netherlands shall be treated equally in equal circumstances. Discrimination on the grounds of religion, belief, political opinion, race or sex or on any other grounds whatsoever shall not be permitted.

Comment:

The first article of the Constitution (based on the Constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, dated August 24, 1815) is vague and it provides opportunities for evasion. For example, what does 'in similar circumstances' imply. Does that mean that men and women in the same job receive the same salary? The current article is the most important in the constitution and is at number one. No ambiguity is allowed.

The new Article 1:

All are treated equally. Discrimination based on religion, national origin, race, gender, sexual orientation, belief, health, work, social status or any other grounds whatsoever is prohibited.

The new Constitution is universal and therefore 'the Netherlands' is removed from the text. After all, it applies to all countries in the world. The Constitution is the basis for all legislation, and this is also the case in Osism. Proposals in referendums that go against the new Article 1 of The New Constitution (TNC) are not possible unless there are compelling arguments which make it meaningful to make adjustments without the original intent of the article being

lost. Constitutional changes can now be made only if a new government takes office. In Osism, there are no political parties, so the new Constitution may be amended at any time if there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Religion:

Everyone is free to profess a religion, as long as it does not conflict with TNC. For every follower of a religion, TNC Article 1 applies as the main regulation.

Country of Origin:

Refugees from any country and with any status whatsoever are sheltered humanely and immediately receive intensive guidance in the new values and standards according to the Osism, with the intention of refugees returning to their own country of origin once the conditions in the country of origin are safe or better, where they then give meaning to Osism themselves.

Race, gender, sexual orientation, belief:

There is no going back on this decision. Members should treat each other with mutual respect and act accordingly.

Health:

Poor health can never be a reason for discrimination. Anyone who needs health care receives the same treatment. Nobody is left out due to illness.

Employment:

Men and women performing the same work receive the same salary.

Status:

No one is above another person or above the law. This also applies to the members of the royal family. The monarchy is therefore abolished.