

**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium  
Brussels, 11 September 2002**

**I. POINTS SETTLED**

**1. Handling of the Plenary session of 12-13 September**

The President informed the Praesidium of the opening statement that he intended to make stressing that there are two parallel exercises, simplification of treaties and simplification of instruments and procedures, recalling the working method with the building blocks emerging from the Working Groups' reports, and confirming that the Praesidium would put forward at the end of October a first draft for a Treaty framework.

In this perspective and given the advanced stage of the work of the Amato Working Group on Legal Personality, it was agreed that Mr. Amato would give at this session an oral presentation, after the presentation by M. Mendez de Vigo of the likely report of his Working Group on Subsidiarity, and that both Working Groups' reports would be debated in the Plenary session on 3-4 October.

**2. Work programme and calendar for 2003**

The Praesidium approved the work programme for the Autumn as set out in Annex, Mrs Stuart having agreed that her Working Group on National Parliaments could complete its work on the new, accelerated timing. There would thus be two one-day Plenary debates on Working Group reports at each remaining session this year. The Praesidium however thought it best not to circulate the work programme to the Convention at this stage: the President would instead describe it, up to end October in his opening remarks.

The Praesidium approved the revised calendar for 2003, which was then circulated to the Convention (doc. CONV 262/02).

### **3. Working Groups**

#### a) Composition

The lists of members of the four new Working Groups were approved and then circulated to the Convention (see doc. CONV 243/02).

#### b) “Final product” of Working Groups

It was agreed that Working Groups should produce synthetic reports containing recommendations or options, as precise as possible, but should refrain from drafting Treaty articles, since, in order to ensure consistency, those should only be drafted by the Praesidium in the light of the outcome of Plenary debates on all the building blocks, as well as on the Treaty framework.

## **II. OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

### **4. Treaty simplification**

The Praesidium continued its discussion about Treaty simplification. It agreed to pursue this issue at its next meetings with a view to the establishment of its first draft of a Treaty framework. The meeting of 17 October would start at 9 a.m. and end around 2 p.m., and would be held at Val Duchesse.

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Next meeting will take place on 26 September at 15h00.

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME OF WORK

*September 12-13 :*

- Simplification of Procedures and Instruments
- Oral presentation by Mendez de Vigo on Subsidiarity
- Oral presentation by Amato on Legal Personality

*October 3-4 :*

- Debate on Legal Personality on the basis of working group report
- Debate on Subsidiarity on the basis of the working group report
- Oral presentation by Vitorino on the Charter
- Oral presentation by Ms Stuart on National Parliaments

*October 28-29 :*

- Presentation by Praesidium of first outline Treaty framework
- Debate on the Charter on the basis of the working group report
- Debate on National Parliaments on the basis of the WG report
- Oral presentations by Christophersen on Complementary competences and Hänsch on Economic Governance

*November 7-8 :*

- Debate on Complementary competences on the basis of the working group report
- Debate on Economic Governance on the basis of the working group report
- Oral presentation by Amato on Simplification of procedures and instruments
- Oral presentation by Bruton on Security and Justice

*December 5-6 :*

- Debate on Security and Justice on the basis of the working group report
- Debate on Simplification of procedures and instruments on the basis of the working group report
- Oral presentation by Dehaene on External Action
- Oral presentation by Barnier on Defence

*December 20-21 :*

- Debate on External Action on the basis of the working group report
- Debate on Defence on the basis of the working group report

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## Deadlines for Working Groups

Working Group I	Subsidiarity : September
Working Group II	Charter : October
Working Group III	Legal personality: end September
Working Group IV	National Parliaments: November
Working Group V	Complementary competences : October
Working Group VI	Economic Governance : October
Working Group VII	External Action : early December
Working Group VIII	Defence : early December
Working Group IX	Simplification of instruments and procedures : November
Working Group X	Security and Justice : November