

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 21 November 2002**

POINTS SETTLED

1. Review of reactions to Preliminary ("Framework") draft (CONV 369/02)

The Praesidium had an exchange of views on the elements emerged from the preliminary debate on the Framework draft. It concluded that the overall architecture of the new Treaty was now "acquis". Comments on specific provisions and on their possible content would be addressed in the framework of the discussion of draft sections of the Treaty.

2. Preparation of the Plenary session on 5-6 December

a) Working Group on "Social Europe"

The Praesidium approved the mandate of the new Working Group (see document CONV 421/02) which would be circulated immediately, inviting members to inscribe, with a view to formally setting up the group at the 5/6 December session. Mr Katiforis was designated as Chairman. He was invited to convene the Working Group as soon as possible after 6 December in order to be able to report to the plenary early in 2003.

b) Commission communication

The Praesidium took note that the Commission will adopt its communication on 5 December. The agenda of the plenary of 5/6 December was approved providing for a presentation by President Prodi to the Convention at 15h00 on the 5th December (see document CONV 420/02).

c) Reports on Working Groups IX "Simplification" and X "Security and Justice"

The Praesidium had an exchange of views on the draft reports of Working Groups IX and X. It congratulated the two Chairs for the substantial recommendations that were emerging from the Working Groups.

3. Second December session

The Praesidium agreed that the 2nd December session would take place on Friday 20 December (whole day, starting at 9h30), rather than on 20 and 21 December.

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS

4. January session

The Praesidium confirmed that the first two Praesidium meetings in January would be devoted to discussion of a paper on institutions (principles and objectives) and of draft texts on “competences” and “values and objectives”. The Praesidium will decide on the agenda of the January session at its next meeting.

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The next meeting will take place on 4 December, at 15h00.
