

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject:** Meeting of the Praesidium  
Brussels, 9 January 2003

### **POINTS SETTLED**

1. Preparation of the Plenary session of 20/21 January

The Praesidium agreed that the Secretariat paper on the functioning of the institutions should be complemented with the Laeken questions and circulated to the Convention in order to serve as background to the Plenary debate on 20/21 January.

### **OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

2. Institutions reforms

The Praesidium had a first exchange of views on what reforms to the European Parliament, Council and Commission the Convention should recommend.

3. Competences and subsidiarity

The Praesidium started to examine draft articles on competences. It agreed to resume work on these texts at its next meeting on 16 January, during which it should also examine drafts for articles 1, 2 and 4 to 7, the objective being the circulation by end January to the Convention of the first 15 articles. Members of the Praesidium are invited to forward to the Secretariat suggested amendments to Articles 7 to 15 by Monday 13 January, 17h00.

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The next meeting will take place on 16 January 2003, at 10.30 a.m., at Justus Lipsius. One collaborator per member is entitled to attend. Interpretation will be provided.

In order to be sure of being able to provide to the Convention, by the end of January, agreed Praesidium drafts of Articles 1 to 15, the President envisages an additional meeting at 3 p.m. on Tuesday 21 January and wishes to bring forward the meeting foreseen for 30 January to 29 January (10.30 a.m.).

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