

**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium  
Brussels, 29 January 2003**

**POINTS SETTLED**

**1. Mandate for the group of legal experts**

The Praesidium agreed the mandate for the group of legal experts to be designated by the legal services of the three Institutions in order to assist the Convention concerning the technical adaptation of provisions to be inserted in part II of the Constitution (see annex).

It was agreed that the Praesidium would be kept regularly informed of their work and that, should the legal experts raise questions or request further guidance, the Convention Secretary-General would convey this information to the assistants of the Praesidium members.

**2. Regional and local dimension**

The Praesidium approved the discussion paper aimed at structuring the debate in the plenary on 7 February (see doc. CONV 518/03).

**3. “Social Europe” working group**

The Praesidium heard a presentation by Mr Katiforis of the recommendations emerging from the working group.

**4. Working methods of the Praesidium**

The Praesidium discussed its working methods. It was agreed that the Convention Secretariat would brief the Praesidium members’ assistants when circulating the new drafts and that they would be involved in the analysis of the amendments received from members of the Convention on the draft articles

## OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS

### **5. Articles 7 to 15**

The Praesidium completed work on the set of articles on competences. The Secretariat was instructed to prepare a revised text as well as an explanatory note for approval by the Praesidium on 5 February, with a view to their circulation to the Convention at the next plenary.

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The next meeting will take place on 5 February, at 10.30 in the Justus Lipsius building.

The following meeting will take place on 7 February from 15.00 to 18.00

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