

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 5 February 2003**

POINTS SETTLED

1. Titres I, II and III (articles 1 to 16)

The Praesidium reached agreement on the draft for articles 1 to 16 and instructed the Secretariat to adapt the explanatory note to the final text. The document would be handed over to the Convention members, personally at the opening of the Plenary session on 6 February and the President would introduce the draft, underlining that this is a proposal by the Praesidium and that members of the Convention have the opportunity to suggest amendments.

2. Subsidiarity Protocol

The Praesidium agreed to resume discussion on the Protocol at its next meeting.

3. “Cercle de discussion” on the Court of Justice:

- **mandate**
- **composition**

The Praesidium discussed the “*cadre des travaux*” for the discussion group: it was subsequently agreed, out of Committee, in the margins of the Plenary session, and circulated to the Convention. As to the composition of the group, the “*composantes*” would be invited to designate a few members, taking into account that the discussion group should be restricted to a limited number of members who, ideally, should be able to contribute with their specific expertise.

4. Informing the Convention of the mandate for the Group of legal experts designated by the Legal Services of the three Institutions.

The Praesidium agreed that the mandate as well as the illustrative table of articles established by the Secretariat should be circulated for the information of Convention members.

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The next meeting will take place on 14 February, at 10h30 (to discuss (a) draft Title V Articles, circulated to Praesidium members on 7 February, and (b) the draft Subsidiarity Protocol).

The following meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 February at 10h30 (to discuss Convention reactions, and amendments, to draft Titles I-III Articles).

[NB Please note the possibility of additional Praesidium meetings on 7 March and 11 April - as well as the (already planned) meetings on 26 February, 6, 13 and 27 March, and 2, 10 and 23 April.]
