

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium  
Brussels, 18 February 2003**

**POINT SETTLED**

**1. Plenary session of 27/28 February**

In the light of a preliminary examination of the comments and suggestions on draft Articles 1-16, the Praesidium agreed on how to structure the debate at the next plenary session (see CONV 565/03) and decided that fiches established by the Secretariat to assist analysis of the suggestions should be circulated to the Convention before the plenary (in all the official languages).

**OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

**2. Draft Articles 1 to 16**

The Praesidium agreed to continue examination of the comments and suggestions at its next meeting.

**3. Subsidiarity protocol**

The Praesidium discussed the text of the protocol in the light of amendments put forward by Mrs Palacio, Mrs Stuart and MM Barnier and Vitorino. It asked the Secretariat to prepare a revised version with a view to reaching final agreement at its next meeting, the aim being to circulate the draft text at the plenary session on 27/28 February.

**4. Letters received from:**

- Mr Duff and others
- Mrs Kaufmann and others
- Mr Kiljunen and others

The Secretariat was instructed to prepare draft replies for the next Praesidium meeting.

## 5. Programme of work

The Praesidium discussed a possible calendar for the presentation of groups of draft Articles in order to give the Convention drafts of all parts of the Constitutional Treaty by the end of April. The Secretary General was invited to prepare an indicative programme.

The Praesidium noted the importance of ensuring that all members of the Convention were able to make a full contribution during this key phase of its work.

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The next meeting will take place on 26 February at 10h.30 in the Justus Lipsius building.

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