

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 26 February 2003**

POINT SETTLED

1. Plenary session of 27/28 February

a) Protocols on subsidiarity/proportionality and on national parliaments

The Praesidium reached agreement on the draft texts of the two protocols with a view to their presentation to the plenary session with the accompanying explanatory note (doc. CONV 579/03).

b) Explanatory note on Articles 24 et seq

The Praesidium endorsed the explanatory note contained in doc. CONV 571/03.

c) Handling of the debate on Articles 1 to 16

The Praesidium agreed that each section of Articles would be introduced by a short presentation, explaining the arguments which have inspired the Praesidium and indicating the major themes emerging from comments/amendments, as well as first reactions by the Praesidium.

2. Method of work on draft Articles

In order to give to each member the possibility to contribute in this important phase, the Praesidium agreed to organise additional intersessional discussions. The first ones would take place on 5 and 26 March, chaired by Vice-Presidents Amato and Dehaene, and covering Articles 8 to 16 and 1 to 7, respectively.

3. Programme of work

The Praesidium agreed an indicative calendar for the presentation to the Convention of draft texts and their discussion at plenary sessions. The President would present this calendar at the opening of the 27 February session and the calendar would be circulated to all Convention members (doc. CONV 586/03).

5. Replies to letters from
- Mr Duff
- Mrs Kaufmann
- Mr Kiljunen

It was agreed that the President would reply to the letters in the light of the decisions which the Praesidium had taken about the programme and method of work.

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The next meeting will take place on 6/7 March in the Justus Lipsius building.

On 6 March the meeting will start at 10h.30 and last the whole day. On 7 March it will start at 9h.00 and end at 12h.30.
