

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium  
Brussels, 6/7 March 2003**

**POINT SETTLED**

**1. Articles: Finances (Title VII, Part I)**

The Praesidium reached agreement on the text of draft Articles 38, 39 and 40 on the Union's finances. It agreed that these articles, together with an accompanying commentary, should be presented to the Convention at its next plenary session (doc. CONV 602/03).

**OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

**2. Articles: Freedom, Security and Justice (Article 31, Part I and Chapter X, Part II)**

The Praesidium began an examination of draft Articles on freedom, security and justice in part II of the Treaty on the basis of a secretariat draft. It examined the text of articles 1-18, and agreed to discuss the remaining articles in Part II, together with Article 31 of Part I, at its next meeting.

**3. Euratom Treaty**

The Praesidium had a preliminary exchange of views on the future of the Euratom Treaty on the basis of a note prepared by the Secretariat. It took also note of a contribution by Mr Bruton on the subject. The Praesidium asked the secretariat to prepare a further short paper setting out a possible approach to the issue in the light of its discussions, and agreed to return to the subject at its next meeting.

#### **4. Information about the work by the legal experts on Part II.**

Copies of the text for Part II of the Treaty established by the group of legal experts were circulated to members of the Praesidium. It was agreed to examine this issue at the next meeting.

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The next meeting will take place on 13 March 2003 in the Justus Lipsius building. It will start at 10h.30 and last the whole day.

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