

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 10-11 April 2003**

POINTS SETTLED

1. Draft texts on External Action/Defence to be presented to Plenary session on 24-25 April

Following a preliminary discussion on the general approach to be followed in the area of External Action and Defence, the Praesidium examined draft texts drawn up by the Secretariat. The Praesidium reached agreement on the drafts of articles 29 and 30 of Part I of the Constitution, as well as draft articles for Part II. It agreed that a full set of these articles, together with an accompanying commentary, would be presented to the Convention at its plenary session on 24-25 April.

2. List of legal bases: identification of legislative acts and within these acts, identification of those which should be subject to the legislative procedure.

On the basis of a document on the classification of legal bases drawn up by the Secretariat, the Praesidium considered which legal bases might become subject to the legislative procedure. It approved a list of proposals, which it agreed should in the first instance be sent to the Working Party of experts from the Legal Services. A full set of proposed changes would subsequently be submitted for approval by the Convention, probably within the context of its overall examination of Part II of the Constitution.

3. Agenda of the plenary session of 24-25 April

The Praesidium agreed on the agenda items which would be covered at the plenary session of 24-25 April. It decided to return to the organisation of the session at its next meeting.

4. Economic and monetary policy: suggestions for possible changes to the economic and monetary policy chapters of Part II

The Praesidium examined a number of proposals for amendments to the economic and monetary policy chapters of Part II of the Treaty, on the basis of a document drawn up by the Secretariat in the light of the results of the Working Group on Economic Governance. It reached agreement on a number of amendments to existing articles, which would be submitted for approval by the Convention.

5. Any other business

None.

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The next meeting will take place on 22 and 23 April 2003.

On 22 April, the meeting will take place at Val Duchesse (without collaborators). It will begin at 17.00 and be followed by a working dinner.

On 23 April, the meeting will take place in the Justus Lipsius building. It will begin at 09.30 and last the whole day.
