

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 14 May 2003**

POINTS SETTLED

1. Enhanced cooperation.

The Praesidium reached agreement on draft articles for Part I and III of the Constitution on enhanced cooperation. It concluded that these would be circulated to the Convention at its plenary on 15 May, and that the President would draw them to the attention of the Convention, noting that this now meant that the Convention was in possession of the full set of articles for Part I of the Constitution.

2. Democratic life of the Union - revised (Part I, articles 33 to 37).

The Praesidium discussed possible revisions to draft articles 33 to 37 on the basis of a Secretariat analysis of the written amendments submitted by members of the Convention and the results of the discussions in plenary. The Praesidium agreed on a revised text of these articles which the Secretariat would incorporate in the consolidated revised version of Part I of the Constitution for completion at its meeting on 21 to 23 May.

3. The role of national parliaments: analytical paper.

The Praesidium approved an analytical paper on the role of national parliaments, as amended, and agreed to circulate it to the Convention.

4. Revised draft Protocols on:

- **the role of national parliaments in the European Union**
- **the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality**

The Praesidium discussed possible revisions to the draft protocols on the role of national parliaments and the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, on the basis of a Secretariat analysis of the written amendments submitted by members of the Convention and the results of the discussions in plenary. The Praesidium agreed on revised texts of the protocols, and concluded that these would be circulated to the Convention at the same time as the consolidated set of revised articles of Part I of the Constitution.

5. Economic governance (Part III).

The Praesidium discussed possible texts of articles on tax and economic and monetary policy for Part III of the Constitution, on the basis of a paper drawn up by the Secretariat. The Praesidium requested that the Secretariat prepare revised versions of those articles which it considered required amending, and agreed to return to these articles at its next meeting.

POINTS OUTSTANDING

6. Budget (Part III).

The Praesidium agreed to postpone this point until its next meeting.

7. Social Europe: analytical paper

The Praesidium agreed to postpone this point until its next meeting.

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The next meeting will take place on 21, 22 and 23 May 2003 in the Justus Lipsius building. It will begin each day at 10h.15 and last until late in the evening.

