

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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

1. Text of Part I, Title IV (Institutions)

The Praesidium reached agreement on a revised text of the Part I institutions articles. It agreed that these would be incorporated into the consolidated Part I text (subsequently circulated as document CONV 797/03).

2. Text of Part III - Institutions

The Praesidium reached agreement on the texts of draft Part III institutions articles. It agreed that these would be circulated to the Convention as part of the consolidated Part III text.

3. Article I-36: proposal by Commissioner Vitorino

The Praesidium discussed a proposal from Commissioners Barnier and Vitorino on the drafting of Article I-36. In order to address the particular issue raised in the Commissioners' proposal, the Praesidium agreed on an amendment to the text of this article (subsequently included in the revised Part I articles (document CONV 797/03)).

4. Part III issues relevant to consensus on Part I

The Praesidium examined several issues in Part III which it considered to be relevant to achieving a consensus on Part I. As a result of its discussions, the Praesidium reached agreement on texts on the following issues:

- new horizontal clauses;
- revised articles on economic governance, regrouped in a new Section 3 bis and Section 4 of Chapter II (EMU);
- a revised draft of article III-196 on voting in CFSP;

The Praesidium agreed to submit these texts to the Convention (subsequently circulated as document CONV 805/03).

The Praesidium also agreed that, at its meeting on 26 June, it would examine further how to respond to the proposal from some members of the Convention for the creation of a Joint European External service.

It was also agreed that, in response to concerns expressed over the extension of QMV in the social field, Article 99 paragraph 1 c), d), f), and g) would remain subject to unanimity, albeit maintaining the specific enabling clause introduced by the Nice treaty.

5. Handling of Plenary session.

The Praesidium agreed that the plenary would meet the following day at 15.00 to enable the President to present the consolidated texts of Part I. The component groups should then be allowed further time to draw up positions on the proposed texts, in particular on institutions, after which the Praesidium would need to meet again to consider possible further amendments. The timing of the resumption of the plenary on 11 June would depend on developments.

6. Any Other Business

The Praesidium discussed possible amendments to the Part I text on reinforced cooperation on the basis of a note from the Secretariat. It concluded that no substantive amendments should be introduced in the text to be incorporated in the consolidated version of Part I.
