

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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

1. Report by the President on the Thessaloniki European Council

The President reported to the Praesidium on the discussions on the Convention at the Thessaloniki European Council, which he considered had been very positive. The European Council had concluded that Parts I and II of the Constitution were now closed, but that further technical work could continue on Part III until 15 July. The President would then travel to Rome on 18 July in order to present the full consolidated texts of the Constitution to the Italian authorities.

2. Planning of remainder of work of the Convention

The Praesidium confirmed its earlier provisional arrangements for two further plenary meetings to take place on 4 July and 9-10 July.

3. Assessment of text of Parts III and IV of the Constitution in light of amendments received.

The Praesidium noted that the version of Parts I and II circulated at Thessaloniki contained several material errors, and agreed that these should be corrected in the final published consolidated version of the Constitution. The Praesidium also began a review of Part III on the basis of a document drawn up by the Secretariat in the light of the amendments received. It reached agreement on a number of corrections and technical modifications to the Part III text.

The Praesidium concluded that a revised Part III text, including both corrections and technical modifications, highlighted and listed in a cover note, should be circulated to the Convention. The cover note would also include a list of the corrections to be made to Part I. This document would serve as the basis for the discussions at the 4 July plenary. The Praesidium would thereafter complete its review of Part III, taking into account the outcome of the 4 July debate, in order to arrive at a consolidated revised Part III text for consideration by the Convention at its final plenary meeting.

4. Handling of plenary session of 4 July

The Praesidium agreed that the plenary on 4 July should be devoted to a general discussion on Part III, on the basis of the revised text. The Secretariat would also circulate, in advance of the 4 July plenary, analyses on the amendments submitted by members of the Convention.

5. Any Other Business

None
