

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Subject: Meeting of the Praesidium
Brussels, 8-9 July 2003**

1. Issues to be addressed following the Praesidium meeting of 26 June and the plenary session of 4 July

The Praesidium held further discussions on Part III of the Constitution on the basis of a document prepared by the Secretariat in the light of written amendments and of the debate at the 4 July plenary. On certain issues the Praesidium agreed to modify Part III (these were included in an amended text circulated as document CONV 847/03); on others it concluded that it would consult the Convention at its 9 July plenary, preferably after exchanges of views within the component groups. The Praesidium continued its discussion immediately after the 9 July plenary, and agreed on a number of additional amendments which were included in a consolidated text for presentation to the final plenary session on 10 July (document CONV 848/03).

2. Handling of plenary session of 9-10 July

The Praesidium agreed that the first day (9 July) should provide the opportunity for Convention members to react to the first amended text (CONV 847/03). On the second day (10 July) the Convention would be called upon to approve the final text as amended by the Praesidium (CONV 848/03). Members of the Convention would then be invited to sign a declaration recognising that the draft Constitution represented the outcome of the Convention's work, and that it should be submitted to the Presidency of the European Council as the foundation for the future Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. The session would end with a family photo and a lunch offered by the President.

3. Any Other Business

None.
