

Contribution of Mr Adrian Severin (MP, Romania) to the debate on Enhanced Co-operation (30-31 May 2003)

As long as the existence of different interests and different capabilities in the European Union are still a reality and as long as we do not admit entirely the QMV, we must accept the enhanced co-operation as a way towards a gradual and a faster integration as well as towards a better efficiency.

In this context one should observe the principle of consistency and coherence:

- between the participants and the Union's goals;
- between the participants and the outsiders.

A mechanism of solidarity with those remaining outside the enhanced co-operation should be guaranteed with the European Commission playing a stronger role as a mediator.

A unique procedure should be used for all the areas, including CFSP and defence.

In this context of seeking new forms of further integration, one should add to the Constitution the open method of co-ordination.