



The Chairman

Brussels, 17 June 2002

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

Your application to take part in the Youth Convention to be held in Brussels from 9 to 12 July 2002 has been successful. Please accept my warmest congratulations.

During my introductory speech, I said I would like to hold a Convention for young people so that your generation, the 18-25 year olds, could make known their views on Europe as it is today, but above all indicate the aspects they regard as essential in the longer term. It is your generation which will exercise responsibility in the Europe of the future and it is up to you to imagine and build that Europe, starting now.

I am therefore counting on your enthusiasm and motivation. I am convinced that your work will be of a high quality and make a useful contribution to the work of the Convention itself.

The organisation and conduct of your Convention will, as far as possible, be modelled on those of the European Convention in order to provide you with the same conditions for carrying out your work. You will also have the opportunity to meet alongside the members of the European Convention. The resulting exchanges of views will most definitely constitute a source of mutual enrichment.

Attached is a note containing information on your stay in Brussels. I would ask you also to consult the Convention website (<http://european-convention.eu.int>), on which there is a section devoted to the Youth Convention. The Convention Secretariat is at your disposal to help you prepare in the best possible way for the responsibilities which await you.

I look forward to meeting you and, above all, to hearing what you have to say.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing