

## **NEW VERSION**

### **ÜBERMITTLUNGSVERMERK**

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des	Sekretariats
für	den Konvent

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<u>Betr.:</u>	<b>Achtung der Grundsätze der Religionsfreiheit und der religiösen Neutralität des Staates</b>
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Herr Borrell, Mitglied des Konvents, sowie Herr Carnero und Herr López Garido, stellvertretende Mitglieder, haben dem Sekretariat die von 163 Mitgliedern des Europäischen Parlaments unterzeichnete und in der Anlage enthaltene EntschlieÙung übermittelt, der sich die drei Konventsmitglieder anschließen und auf die sie den Konvent aufmerksam machen möchten.

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# **PROPOSAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE RESPECT OF THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION PRINCIPLES AND LAICISM OF THE STATE IN THE FUTURE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION**

The signing members of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- the right to freedom of religion, to change religion, to manifest religious beliefs in worship and to religious association are rights recognised by the international, European and national law on human rights and fundamental freedoms
- the principles of lay State, of separation and independence between the States and the Church, of equality and non discrimination between citizens, and consequently between the different religions and Churches, are the basis of democracy and the rule of law,
- the European Union comprises, notably in the perspective of enlargement to Eastern Europe and Turkey, citizens of different nationalities, provenance, language, race and religion or belief, in the common aim of assuring peace, progress and prosperity to everybody
- the Vatican and some Members of the Convention are running a campaign to insert in the text of the future European Constitution a reference to the Christian roots or heritage of Europe

ask the Convention and its members, the Council, national governments and parliaments, to assure that no direct or indirect reference to any specific religion or belief is included in the future European Convention, and instead to promote the right to freedom of religion, to change religion, to manifest religious beliefs in worship and to religious association, together with the principles of lay State, of separation and independence between the State and the Church.

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