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Caption: In this Opinion of 21 October 1990 on the Proposal for Amendment of the Treaty Establishing the European Economic Community with a View to Political Union, the Commission declares itself in favour of the creation of a body to represent the Community's regions.

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Lastly, the Commission considers that the Intergovernmental Conference must take account of the demand for the creation of a body to represent the Community's regions. This is an important parameter of subsidiarity. The wide variety of regional structures in the Member States precludes – and will probably continue to do so – the involvement of such a body in the decision-making process. The Commission's suggestion therefore is that, pending fresh developments, it should hold regular consultations with a body representing all the regions of Europe.

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