

Note from the EU Presidency on other subjects to submit to the Group of Representatives (6 September 2000)

Caption: On 6 September 2000, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union sends a note to the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States. This note refers to new subjects suggested by the national delegations that are to serve as the basis for discussions at the Intergovernmental Conference.

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PRESIDENCY NOTE

Subject : IGC 2000: Other subjects on which delegations have submitted proposals

The Presidency suggests that the Group of Representatives examine the following matters at its meeting on 11 September 2000.

(a) Article 7 TEU

Following the submission by Belgium (CONFER 4739/00) and Austria (CONFER 4748/00) of two proposals for amendment of Article 7 TEU, Annex 7.1 to the report to the Feira European Council contains a draft text intended to assist the ongoing discussion of this question.

(b) Presentation/organisation of the Treaties

On 12 July the Commission forwarded a communication proposing to the Conference a method of dealing with the reorganisation of the Treaties (CONFER 4763/00).

(c) Accession of the European Union or the Community to the Council of Europe Convention on Human Rights

At the informal meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers Finland suggested that the Conference consider the question of accession by the European Union or the Community to the European Convention on Human Rights.

(d) *Other official proposals*

Belgium has proposed a series of amendments to the Treaty (see CONFER 4742/00) concerning:

- the Committee of the Regions (transformation of the Committee of the Regions into an institution, introduction of an obligation for the Council or the Commission to give reasons in the event of derogation from the opinion of the Committee of the Regions, and extension of access to the Court of Justice to the Committee of the Regions);
- amendment of Article 21(3) in order to ensure that the institutions and bodies of the Union reply to written requests from citizens within a reasonable period of time;
- amendment of Article 151(4) in order to facilitate the transition to qualified majority voting in that provision (CONFER 4742/00, point 2(b));
- access to the Court of Justice for federated bodies.

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