

FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BUREAU ON THE EU CONVENTION FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the EU Convention for the Future of Europe, meeting in Paris on Monday 3 March 2003 with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards :

- *Work of the Convention on the Future of Europe and contribution of the Council of Europe to the constitution-making process of the European Union:*

i. heard a statement by Mr. van der Linden and held an exchange of views on the :

a. progress of the work of the Convention on the Future of Europe ;

b. conclusions of the informal meeting of members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are also members of the Convention on the Future of Europe (Brussels, 27 February 2003);

c. contribution which the Council of Europe could provide to the constitution-making process of the European Union;

ii. decided to prepare a declaration on the necessity to integrate in the framework of title IX “The Union and its immediate environment” of the preliminary draft Constitutional Treaty, a specific mention on the privileged institutional relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union. During the second part of the session (31 march-4 April 2003), this document will be submitted to the signature of the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are also members of the Convention on the Future of Europe and then to the signature of the members of the Convention on the Future of Europe;

- *Membership of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on the EU Convention for the Future of Europe:* discussed the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee and decided to invite the President to raise this question during the meeting of the Bureau on 10 March 2003.

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Special guests and observers to the Assembly
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Dates and places of next meetings :*

. Strasbourg, Tuesday 1 April 2003, during the second-part of the session, from 8.30 am to 10.30 am ;

. Brussels, Thursday 24 April 2003 from 1 pm to 2 pm (informal meeting of members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe who are also members of the Convention on the Future of Europe).

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