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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the UEN Group

on the IGC and the Irish Presidency's proposals

European Parliament resolution on the IGC and the Irish Presidency's proposals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe approved by the European Convention,
 - having regard to the proposals made by the Irish Presidency at the European Parliament's January part-session in Strasbourg,
 - having regard to the positive climate in which the informal lunch relaunching the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) took place at the General Affairs Council in Brussels on Monday,
 - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Considers the Irish Presidency proposal to be balanced and coherent, while at the same time respecting national sensibilities;
 2. Welcomes, with the Irish Presidency, the fact that it has proved possible to inject a spirit of confidence into the debates, thanks not least to the bilateral contacts that have taken place over the past few weeks;
 3. Supports the strategy of the Irish Presidency, which has declared itself willing to do its best to achieve genuine compromise on the questions that remain unresolved;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States and the acceding countries.