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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements

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

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on progress at the Intergovernmental Conference

**European Parliament resolution on progress at the Intergovernmental Conference**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe of 18 July 2003,
- having regard to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union is a union of Member States in which nation states are sovereign,
- B. whereas the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe prepared by the Convention on the Future of Europe was simply a draft document,
- C. whereas final decisions will be taken by governments meeting in the IGC,
- D. whereas any Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe should be put to the people in a referendum,
- 1. Welcomes the enlargement of the European Union and looks forward to working in a Union of 25 Member States;
- 2. Hopes that the European Union and its institutions, especially the Commission, will be more democratic, efficient and transparent;
- 3. Recognises the principle of subsidiarity;
- 4. Recognises that this Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe goes beyond any previous revision of the treaties;
- 5. Underlines therefore the importance of this Intergovernmental Conference;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Italian Presidency, the future Irish Presidency, the Council, the Commission, national parliaments and the Intergovernmental Conference.