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on applying codecision to decisions taken under Article 37 of the Treaty

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Declaration on applying codecision to decisions taken under Article 37 of the Treaty

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the treaty signed in Nice on 26 February 2001, and in particular to Declaration 23 on the future of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Laeken European Council's declaration of 15 December 2001 on the future of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Convention on the future of Europe,
 - having regard to its various resolutions on the future of the European Union, as cited in its resolution of 16 May 2002 (the Lamassoure report on the distribution of competences),
- A. whereas the Laeken Declaration has instructed the Convention to identify possible ways of improving the democratic legitimacy, transparency and efficiency of decision-making, notably in the context of extending the right of codecision,
- B. whereas the situation in which the Council is frequently required to act by unanimity, pursuant to Article 250(1) of the Treaty, in the case of policies accounting for half of the Community budget, is an anomaly that the next IGC needs to eliminate, not least in order to facilitate further vital reform of the common policies concerned,
1. Calls on the Convention to recommend the introduction of the codecision procedure for Article 37 of the Treaty establishing the European Communities;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the Convention.