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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

by Gerard Collins, Cristiana Muscardini and Luís Queiró

on behalf of the UEN Group

on the IGC and the proposals of the Italian Presidency with a view to the Summit on 12 and 13 December 2003

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**European Parliament resolution on the IGC and the proposals of the Italian Presidency with a view to the Summit on 12 and 13 December 2003**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft treaty approved by the European Convention,
  - having regard to the proceedings of the IGC,
  - having regard to the proposals made by the Italian Presidency at the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs in Naples on 28 and 29 November 2003,
  - having regard to the conclusions of the meeting in Naples,
  - having regard to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure,
1. Considers the proposals of the Italian Presidency to be balanced and consistent, and welcomes the efforts it has made;
  2. Notes, as regards the 'procedure for revising the treaties', the proposal to step up cooperation with national parliaments;
  3. Considers that the compromise proposal to increase the number of Commissioners with voting rights represents minimal progress but is inadequate in that it fails to respect the principle of equality between Member States, in accordance with which the number of Commissioners with voting rights should correspond to the number of Member States;
  4. Calls on the Presidency to consider more carefully the remarks of certain Member States which have expressed strong reservations about the proposals for harmonisation of taxation;
  5. Approves of the efforts of the Presidency to include in the preamble to the new treaty a reference to the Judeo-Christian heritage of Europe and a reaffirmation of the secularity of the European institutions;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States and acceding countries.