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on organisation of a debate on adoption of a constitutional treaty

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the importance for the proper functioning of an enlarged Europe of the adoption and speedy implementation of a new constitutional treaty,
- B. noting the incomplete results of the first Intergovernmental Conference and the hopes for the second IGC under the Irish Presidency,
- C. stressing the legitimate concern of Members of the European Parliament to be involved effectively if not by right in the political process for adoption of the constitutional treaty,
- D. following on from its resolution tabled by the four main groups (EPP-ED, PSE, ELDR and Greens) and adopted by a very large majority on 29 January 2004, which called on the governments to agree on the constitutional treaty, on the basis of the draft proposed by the Convention, before 1 May 2004,
 1. Calls on the Council to report at Parliament's part-session from 3 to 6 May 2004 on progress in discussions on the constitutional treaty;
 2. Proposes, if the governments have not reached agreement on a draft before 1 May 2004 – as they have been asked – that the draft constitutional treaty, as drawn up by the Convention meeting to this end, should be symbolically put to the vote and adopted by Parliament in a formal sitting.