

ORAL QUESTION H-0540/03
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Referendums in each Member State on the proposed EU Constitution

Almost half of the members and alternates in the Convention on the future of the European Union concerning the proposed EU Constitution have signed an appeal calling for national referendums in which the citizens of each individual Member State will decide whether to accept or reject the final proposal of the Intergovernmental Conference.

What is the Council's position on whether the citizens of each Member State should be given the opportunity - in the form of direct democracy through national referendums - to express their opinion on the Constitution for the European Union? Does the Council see this as an opportunity for citizens to enhance their knowledge of the development of the EU?

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