

ORAL QUESTION O-0087/00

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Giorgio Napolitano, on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
to the Council

Subject: Feira European Council

1. How does the Portuguese Presidency intend, in presenting its progress report on the IGC at Feira, to exercise the authority given to it by the Helsinki European Council to propose new subjects for inclusion on the agenda of the IGC, and above all simplification of the procedure for closer cooperation, without confining itself to recording convergence which has emerged? In this connection, what proposal does it intend to put forward with regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights and its possible incorporation into the Nice Treaty?
2. How does the Council intend to use the impetus given by speeches by a number of prominent figures, most recently Minister Fischer, on the objectives of European integration so as to make the IGC more ambitious in order that the reform of the Treaties takes account of the challenges in respect of future European integration?
3. What efforts are to be made by the Council during the IGC to find ambitious solutions so as to achieve a desirable final outcome?

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