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## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 37(4) of the Rules of Procedure, by

- Elmar Brok and Othmar Karas, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Enrique Barón Crespo, Klaus Hänsch, Giorgio Napolitano and Richard Corbett, on behalf of the PSE Group
- Andrew Nicholas Duff, on behalf of the ELDR Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PSE (B5-0118/2004),
- PPE-DE (B5-0119/2004),
- ELDR (B5-0120/2004),

on the preparation of the European Council on 25-26 March 2004

## **European Parliament resolution on the preparation of the European Council on 25-26 March 2004**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe, drawn up by the European Convention,
  - having regard to its resolutions of 24 September 2003, 2 December 2003, 18 December 2003 and 29 January 2004,
  - having regard to the meeting of the European Council on 25-26 March and to the European Parliament elections on 10-13 June,
  - having regard to Rule 37(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there is already substantial agreement at the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on the Convention's draft Constitution,
1. Calls on each and every member of the European Council to show the flexibility that is inevitably needed in order to avoid deadlock at the IGC;
  2. Warns that agreement on the outstanding issues at the IGC is unlikely to become easier to resolve later;
  3. Makes a solemn appeal to the European Council of 25-26 March to decide on the immediate resumption of the Intergovernmental Conference, in order to reach a conclusion prior to 1 May 2004 on the basis of the draft constitutional Treaty put forward by the Convention, and without changing its fundamental balance, which some proposals in the IGC risk doing<sup>1</sup>;
  4. Warns that the voting system of the Treaty of Nice, which will come into force on 1 November, will make decision making in the Council much more difficult than it is now;
  5. Calls on the Irish Presidency to take all the necessary steps to break the current deadlock, and fully supports any initiative that would allow the positive conclusion of the Intergovernmental Conference;
  6. Believes that failure to reach a constitutional settlement would frustrate the integration process, render the Union unable to contemplate any further enlargement and result in a devastating loss of solidarity and legitimacy;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council and to the parliaments of the Member States and accession states.

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<sup>1</sup> Notably CIG 60/03.