



DÉLÉGATION
POUR
L'UNION EUROPÉENNE

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LE PRÉSIDENT

Mr President and dear college,

I have received your draft Presidency contribution for the COSAC. This proposal seems to me very relevant and constructive. I would just like to suggest two possible additions.

- Perhaps a few words ought to be added at the end of paragraph 3:

« ,car ce sont eux qui ont la responsabilité d'approuver la révision des traités ».

« ,because they have the responsibility to agree to the revision of the treaties ».

This responsibility of the national parliaments justifies their particularly important role in the organisation of reflection groups on the future of the Union.

- To confirm the demands expressed by the COSAC in Versailles, paragraph 8 could be added as follow:

« Elle réaffirme en outre que :

« - le délai de six semaines prévu au point 3 du Protocole devrait s'appliquer également, sauf cas d'urgence, aux propositions visant à adopter des mesures dans le cadre du titre V du traité sur l'Union européenne et aux projets d'accords institutionnels auxquels le Conseil est partie ;

« - un délai minimum de quinze jours, ou d'une semaine en cas d'urgence, devrait être observé entre le dernier examen d'un texte au sein du COREPER et la décision du Conseil. »

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« It reaffirms also that:

« - the six-week time period provided by para. 3 should also apply, except in urgent cases, to proposals for measures to be adopted under titles V of the Treaty on European Union as well as to proposals regarding interinstitutional agreements to which the Council is a party;

« - a minimum 15-day time period, or one week in urgent cases, should be observed between the final reading of a text by COREPER and the Council decision. »

We have not obtained a clear answer from the Council on this question.

I hereby send you my greeting as to the quality of the preparations for this XXIVth COSAC, yours sincerely,

Hubert HAENEL