

CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Intergovernmental Conference, meeting at the level of the Heads of State or Government, reached an agreement on the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe on the basis of the texts in documents CIG 81/04 and CIG 85/04. The final legal editing and harmonisation of the texts will be carried out with a view to the signing of the Treaty before the end of 2004.

The European Council welcomes the successful conclusion of the Intergovernmental Conference. The Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe is an historic step forward in the process of integration and cooperation in Europe. Based on the work of the Convention, the Constitution establishes an efficient, democratic and transparent framework for the future development of the Union. It completes the process which began when the Treaty of Rome established the basic framework for European integration. Like the Treaty of Rome, it will serve for many years as the foundation of a Union at the service of its citizens.
