

Working Group III

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Working group III « Legal personality »

Subject : **Meetings of 26 June and 10 July 2002**

Members will find attached some questions submitted by Lord MacLennan of Rogart to be put to the experts at our next meetings of 26 June and 10 July 2002.

It should be noted that Mr. Amato put some of these questions already to the experts in his letter of invitation.

Ricardo Passos

From: Lord MacLennan of Rogart

To: Working Group on Legal Personality

Subject: Proposed Questions for Legal Experts

With reference to the meetings of the working group on legal personality to be held on 26 June 2002 and 10 July 2002 with the participation of invited legal experts, I would be grateful if the attached list of proposed questions to be put to the invited legal experts could be distributed to the members of the Working Group.

It would be helpful if, as the Chairman thinks fit, the legal experts could be made aware, in advance of the meetings, of the questions likely to be asked of them.

Questions for Legal Experts

1. How does Article 24 TEU work at present in respect of the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements?
2. Does the EU currently have legal personality and if so to what extent?
3. What legal problem(s) would be solved by according explicit legal personality to the EU?
4. Can the Union be accorded legal personality alongside the Communities without any other changes being made to the Treaties and if so what are the necessary legal implications?

If not, what changes would require to be made?

5. Can the Union be accorded legal personality subsuming that of the Communities without any other changes being made to the Treaties and if so what are the necessary legal implications?

If not, what changes would require to be made?

6. Are there options for change other than those at 4. and 5. above?
7. How might the options for change contribute to simplification of the Treaties?
8. How might the options for change affect understanding of the EU by citizens and by other third parties?