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to	The Convention
Subject :	Contribution from Irena Belohorska, George Berthu, Jens-Peter Bonde, David Heathcoat-Amory, Peeter Kreitzberg, Alfrad Sant, Esko Seppänen and George Vella, members of the Convention

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The Secretary-General of the Convention has received the attached contribution from Irena Belohorska, George Berthu, Jens-Peter Bonde, David Heathcoat-Amory, Peeter Kreitzberg, Alfrad Sant, Esko Seppänen and George Vella, members of the Convention

**To the Presidium of the Convention,**

We are pleased to find that the preparation of the Youth Convention is progressing as we support the initiative fully, if it is representative for the youth. The process is beneficial both for young people to explore the EU and for the rest of us to listen to young people's ideas about the Future of Europe.

Moreover, we appreciate the recognition of the importance of an overall balance in order to ensure representative diversity within the youth Convention. However, in order to make sure that the members of the Youth Convention actually represent the views of the European citizens, the Presidium should not only consider age, sex, occupational status, members/non-members of organisations but also different views on European integration, including Euro-sceptical and Euro-realist views.

We therefore propose the following amendment:

In making their choice, the Convention members *shall* respect an overall balance in order to ensure representative diversity within the Youth Convention in relation to; sex, occupational status, rural/urban areas, members/non-members of associations *and different views on European integration, including Euro-sceptical and Euro-realist views.*

Yours truly,

Irena Belohorska, George Berthu, Jens-Peter Bonde, David Heathcoat-Amory, Peeter Kreitzberg, Alfrad Sant, Esko Seppänen, George Vella,