

CONV 49/02**NOTE**

from	the Secretariat
to	the Convention
Subject :	Reports on national debates

At its March meeting, the Convention agreed on a number of proposals aimed at encouraging the wider European public both to follow the work of the Convention and to provide input to it. One element of this was the idea of open debates with civil society, not only Europe-wide, but also at national and regional level.

So that as much information as possible should be available when the Convention meets in June to focus specifically on the views of civil society, the President very much hopes that at least one Convention member from each country will provide a brief report (either orally in the plenary session, or by circulating a written contribution) on the progress of their national debate.

In some cases these will be a continuation of the national debates begun in March 2001; in others there may be new initiatives designed specifically to provide input to the work of the Convention.

Members of the Convention are invited to inform the Secretariat which of them will provide the report on their national debate and what form this report will take.