

COVER NOTE

from Praesidium

to Convention

Subject : Questionnaire for the debate on social issues

Members of the Convention will find attached a questionnaire drawn up by the Praesidium with a view to structuring the debate on social issues to be held at the Plenary session on 7 November 2002.

Questionnaire for the debate on social issues

The Working Group on Economic Governance has agreed that the issue whether to introduce additional economic and social objectives and competences should be the subject of a plenary debate of the Convention. The following questions refer to this recommendation: they might be addressed in the debate on Social Europe on 7 November which has been arranged at the request of certain members of the Convention.

1. To what extent should social policy be considered to be part of the Union's overall objectives? How should this be reflected in the Constitutional Treaty?
 2. How, if at all, should the current Treaty provisions on social issues be amended? Should the existing areas of competence be extended? If so, to which new areas ? Should other provisions, such as those on the internal market or competition be amended in order to enhance social policies?
 3. Should the current provisions for the involvement of the social partners be amended?
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