

**NOTE**

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from: Praesidium

to: Convention

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**Subject : Working Group on Social Europe**

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In accordance with the conclusions of the Convention debate on 7 November (CONV 400/02), the Praesidium has decided to establish a Working Group on Social Europe.

The Working Group's Chairman will be Mr George KATIFORIS. In the light of the Convention debate on 7 November, the Praesidium has prepared the mandate set out in the attached Annex.

Members of the Convention who wish to participate in the Group's work are asked to notify the Secretariat (Ms Martínez Iglesias - e-mail: [maria-jose.martinez-iglesias@consilium.eu.int](mailto:maria-jose.martinez-iglesias@consilium.eu.int) / fax no. + 32 2 285 5060) by 29 November. The composition of the Group will be announced at the Convention session on 6 December.

**Working Group on Social Europe**

**DRAFT MANDATE**

1. Article 2 of the preliminary draft Constitutional Treaty sets out to define briefly the Union's basic values. What basic values should this provision contain in the social field, taking into account those already present in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU?
2. Article 3 of the preliminary draft Constitutional Treaty sets out to define the Union's general objectives. To what extent and in what way should these general objectives include social objectives?
3. As regards the Union's competences, do you consider that the present competences of the Union/Community in social matters should be modified? If so, what new competences should be conferred on the Union/Community in social matters, and in which category of competences should they be placed?
4. What role could be given to the open method of coordination and what would be its place in the Constitutional Treaty?
5. What relationship can be established between the coordination of economic policies and the coordination of social policies?
6. Regarding procedures, to what extent should codecision and qualified-majority voting be extended to matters for which unanimity is currently required?
7. Title VI of the preliminary draft Constitutional Treaty deals with the democratic life of the Union. Should the role of the social partners appear in Title VI and, if so, what should this role be?

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