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**Subject :       Contribution by Mr. Frantisek Kroupa, alternate member of the Convention:**  
**- “The wording of a part of the preamble of Constitutional Treaty of EU”**

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The Secretary-General of the Convention has received the contribution annexed hereto from  
Mr. Frantisek Kroupa, alternate member of the Convention.

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I recommend to include following sentence to the preamble  
of the Constitutional Treaty of EU:

***Proposed text:***

[European Union]

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respecting the spiritual sources of European civilisation, among them ancient philosophy, the heritage of Bible and secular humanism play an important role,

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***Justification:***

In order to establish European Union which is closer to its citizens, the Union should acknowledge in its Constitutional Treaty the importance of religion, that has played an important role in shaping of European identity and that is shared by ca. 80% of European citizens. Furthermore, the heritage of Bible is respected by Christians, Jews, Muslims and atheists together. Muslims recognize the Bible as one of holy books, Jesus is considered as a prophet by them.