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**Subject : Contribution presented by a number of members of the Convention:
"Article 3: The Union's objectives - Proposal to add as art 3 (6) new"**

The Secretary-General of the Convention has received the contribution annexed hereto from Hanja Maij-Weggen, Elmar Brok, Jaques Santer, Anne van Lancker, Olivier Duhamel, Caspar Einem, Kimmo Kiljunen, Jens- Peter Bonde, Johannes Voggenhuber, Ben Fayot, René van der Linden, Luis Marinho, Andrew Duff and Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, members of the Convention, by Paolo Ponzano, Peter Altmaier, Filadelfio Guido Basile, Wim van Eekelen, Jan Jacob van Dijk, The Earl of Stockton, John Cushnahan, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Reinhard Rack, Piia-Noora Kauppi, Pervenche Berès, Elena Paciotti, Neil McCormick, Maria Berger and Carlos Carnero Conzález, alternate members of the Convention, and by Claude du Granrut, observer to the Convention.

Brussels May 31

To the Presidium of the Convention

Text Proposal:

Article 3: The Union's objectives

Proposal to add as art 3 (6) new:

In all its activities the European Union shall aim to combat discrimination, eliminate inequalities and promote equalities between people regardless of gender, racial or ethnic origin, faith, disability, age or sexuality.

This article would bring together the goals of combating discrimination from article 13 (1) of the Treaty establishing a European Community and article 2 of the Treaty establishing a European Community. It would provide for a solemn based provision against discrimination in addition to article 6 of the proposal by the Convention's Presidium.

The following members, alternate members and observer have signed the text proposal:

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With regards,

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