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Vastaanottaja: Valmistelukunta

Asia: Valmistelukunnan jäsenen sijaisen Frantisek Kroupan esitys:
- "The wording of a part of the preamble of Constitutional Treaty of EU"

Valmistelukunnan jäsenen sijainen Frantisek Kroupa on toimittanut valmistelukunnan pääsihteerille liitteenä olevan esityksen.

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

Proposed text:

[European Union]

....

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.