

- "Voorstel voor de preambule"

De secretaris-generaal van de Conventie heeft van mevrouw Cristiana Muscardini, lid van de Conventie, de bijdrage ontvangen die in bijlage dezes staat.

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## Convention on the future of the union

**Proposition for the Preamble presented by Cristiana Muscardini***i)    Strasbourg, 11th February 2003*

Considering that article 2 of the draft Treaty, devoted to Union values, makes no reference to values handed down from cultural and religious traditions of Europe, values which among other things have contributed to determining historical identity, I propose that the draft preamble of the new Treaty makes mention of Greco-Roman philosophical thought, the Judeo-Christian tradition, as well as lay and liberal values, as I have already had the opportunity to define them in my speech during the debate on « What Europe do we want ? » in the plenary session on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2002.

In order to make the Constitutional Treaty a living body in which the citizens can recognise themselves and feel represented, it is opportune that we recognise in a clear and unequivocal way our roots and our values, which respect the historical and cultural traditions of each of the Member States and each of our peoples.

I therefore propose the following text:

**« Respecting the historical and cultural traditions of the States and peoples of which it is made up, the Union underlines its reference values which are identified in Greco-Roman philosophy, the Judeo-Christian tradition along with lay and liberal thought. »**

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