

Info-note tilgået Folketingets Europaudvalg

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Til

udvalgets medlemmer og stedfortrædere

Udtalelse fra Forbundsdagens Europaudvalg
om nationale parlamenters rolle ved den
kommende regeringskonference

Vedlagt fremsendes et brev fra formanden for Europaudvalget i den tyske forbundsdag, Dr. Friedbert Pflüger, og den engelske tekst til den udtalelse, dette udvalg blev enig om efter en høring den 14. marts. Udvalget anbefaler, at Europa-Parlamentet og de nationale parlamenter skal spille en mere aktiv rolle i det forberedende arbejde forud for den kommende regeringskonference, og henviser til det positive resultat, der kom ud af det konvent, som nåede frem til enighed om EU's charter om grundlæggende rettigheder.

Udtalelsen fra det tyske Europaudvalg vil blive behandlet på COSAC-mødet i Stockholm den 21.-22. maj 2001.

Med venlig hilsen

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Dear Mr. Larsen-Jensen,

please find enclosed a resolution on the so-called post-Nice-process which the Committee for European Affairs of the German Bundestag has passed unanimously.

On 14 March 2000 our Committee has had a large-scale hearing on the constitutional debate within the European Union and we are determined to continue this discussion with experts and practitioners from the EU member states in September. In the context of the hearing, all parliamentary parties in the German Bundestag agreed that the constitutional debate which (according to declaration no. 23 on the future of the European Union) will ultimately lead to a Conference of the Member States of the European Union should be prepared intensively by the parliamentarians.

I have also submitted this contribution to the forthcoming COSAC and I would highly appreciate if you supported the proposal.

With kind regards,

Yours
Friedbert Pflüger

(Dr. Friedbert Pflüger, MdB)

**Resolution submitted by the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag
for the XXIV COSAC, Stockholm, 21-22 May 2001**

Greater participation by the national parliaments in the preparations for the 2004 Intergovernmental Conference

The European Union's democratic legitimacy and transparency must be further improved and safeguarded on a lasting basis. The process of drafting the Treaty of Nice demonstrated very clearly that the IGC, as an instrument to reform the European treaties, has reached its limits. For this reason, the European Parliament and the national parliaments - including the parliaments of the accession countries - must play a more active part in the preparatory work, now commencing, for the drafting of a European constitution, which is part of the process for the EU's further development agreed at Nice. In future, the parliaments must be able to contribute substantively to the further development of the European treaties. The EU's positive experiences with the Convention during the drafting of the Charter of Fundamental Rights should be taken into account when preparing the texts of new EU treaties in future. As part of the preparations for the 2004 IGC, a conference based on the Convention model should therefore be convened in order to develop proposals for EU reform. A "Committee of Wise Men" is an inadequate response to the demand for more democracy and transparency in Europe's opinion-forming and decision-making processes.

The participation of all the key civil society actors in a comprehensive debate on the European Union's future must be guaranteed. These civil society actors should be able to play a full and active part in the drafting of a European constitution. This will also help to ensure the greatest possible openness and transparency in the further development of the European Union.