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NOTE

from: Presidency
to: Delegations

Subject: IGC 2003
 – Indicative timetable

Delegations will find attached the revised IGC indicative timetable.

IGC – INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

Saturday 4 October 2003 – morning (Rome)	Heads of State or Government (opening)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Final procedural questions – General political debate
Saturday 4 October 2003 – afternoon (Rome)	Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Legislative Council – Rotating Council Presidency (<i>questionnaire</i>)
Tuesday 14 October 2003 – morning (Luxembourg)	Ministers (on the occasion of the GAERC meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minister for Foreign Affairs (<i>questionnaire</i>) – Composition of the Commission (<i>questionnaire</i>) – Preparation for the meeting of Heads of State or Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All institutional issues including: composition of the European Parliament, European Council and its President, definition of Qualified Majority
Thursday 16 and Friday 17 October 2003 (Brussels)	Heads of State or Government	Institutional issues (orientations)
Monday 27 October 2003 (Brussels)	Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Follow up of the Heads of State or Government meeting – Scope of Qualified Majority (<i>questionnaire</i>) – Institutional questions (examination of pending issues on the basis of drafting proposals submitted by the Presidency in the light of previous discussions on the Legislative Council, the formations of the Council and the system of Council Presidency) – Non-institutional questions*
Tuesday 18 November 2003 – morning (Brussels)	Ministers (on the occasion of the GAERC meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Institutional questions (continue examination of pending issues on the basis of drafting proposals submitted by the Presidency in the light of previous discussions on the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and, if appropriate, on other questions) – Defence (<i>questionnaire</i>) – Part IV of the draft Constitution (revision procedure)
Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November (+ poss. 30 November) 2003 (Rome)	Ministerial conclave	<i>Preparation of the overall package ahead of the meeting of Heads of State or Government</i>
Tuesday 9 December 2003 – morning (Brussels)	Ministers (on the occasion of the GAERC meeting)	<i>Preparation of the overall package ahead of the meeting of Heads of State or Government</i>
Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December 2003 (Brussels)	Heads of State or Government	<i>Discussion of the overall package</i>

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Delegations are invited to submit to the Presidency before the 20th of October 2003, non-institutional questions they wish to be raised, including those related to Part III of the draft Constitution. Some of these questions have already been mentioned: Christian values, minorities, economic governance. The Presidency reminds delegations however that in order to keep the discussions on the right track, a high degree of self-discipline is needed, therefore the issues raised should be limited, as far as possible, to the strict minimum. At the same time, the Presidency will welcome drafting proposals relating to these issues.