

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN MILAN

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1. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Milan with a view to making tangible progress towards European Union,

Having regard to Article 236 of the EEC Treaty,

Having regard to the proposal for the amendment of that Treaty submitted to the Council by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in a letter dated 2 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the European Parliament on 22 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the Commission on 22 July 1985,

HAS DECIDED to deliver an opinion in favour of calling a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to the EEC Treaty.

2. The President of the Council, in accordance with Article 236(2), accordingly convenes a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to examine the proposal submitted by the Luxembourg Government on 5 July 1985. This Conference, which will take place at Minister for Foreign Affairs level, together with a Commission representative, will meet in Luxembourg on 9 September. Spain and Portugal will be represented at this Conference.

The Secretary-General will make the necessary arrangements to provide the secretariat for the Conference.

3. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct a Working Party to prepare its proceedings concerning the revision of the Treaty. Each Member State will appoint its representative to the Working Party. The Chairman will be designated by the President of the Conference.
  
4. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct the Political Committee to draw up by 15 October 1985 the text of a draft treaty on the basis in particular of the Franco-German and United Kingdom drafts concerning political co-operation with a view to a common foreign and security policy.

This draft will be considered by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting for the purpose within the Conference convened under 2 above.

5. The Ministers will submit their conclusions on all these points to the European Council meeting in December 1985.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS

The Council considered an interim report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on the latter's proceedings since Milan concerning the implementation of the conclusions of the European Council on 28 and 29 June relating to improvements in the operation of the Community institutions which are possible without amendment of the Treaty.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions in this connection and to report back to it for its next meeting in September.

