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from: Presidency  
to: COREPER/Council  
Subject: Council's opinion in favour of convening an Intergovernmental Conference under Article 48 of the TEU

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1. On 27 June 2007 the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany submitted to the Council a proposal for the amendment of the Treaties on which the Union is founded, in accordance with Article 48 of the TEU (see doc. 11222/07). The Council decided to consult the European Parliament, the Commission and the European Central Bank on convening a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States for this purpose.
2. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 5 July 2007 (doc. 11624/07), the Commission on 10 July 2007 (doc. 11625/07), and the European Parliament on 11 July 2007 (doc. 11626/07).
3. In the light of the foregoing the Council is invited, pursuant to Article 48 of the TEU, to deliver an opinion in favour of calling a conference of the representatives of the governments of the Member States with a view to its opening in Brussels on 23 July 2007.