

Corfu European Council Summit (24-25 June 1994)

Presidency Conclusions (Extract)

IV. PREPARATION OF THE 1996 INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE

The European Council, following the Ioannina Agreement, hereby establishes a Reflection Group to prepare for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference consisting of representatives of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States and the President of the Commission. It will be chaired by a person appointed by the Spanish government and begin its work in June 1995. Two European Parliament representatives will participate in the work of the Reflection Group. The Group will also have exchanges of views with the other institutions and organs of the European Union.

The Institutions are invited to establish before the start of the work of the Reflection Group reports on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union which will provide an input for the work of the Group.

The Reflection Group will examine and elaborate ideas relating to the provisions of the Treaty on European Union for which a revision is foreseen and other possible improvements in a spirit of democracy and openness, on the basis of the evaluation of the functioning of the treaty as set out in the reports. It will also elaborate options in the perspective of the future enlargement of the Union on the institutional questions set out in the conclusions of the European Council in Brussels and in the Ioannina agreement. (weighting of votes, the threshold for qualified majority decisions, number of members of the Commission and any other measure deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the Institutions and guarantee their effective operation in the perspective of enlargement.)

The Secretary General of the Council will make the necessary arrangements for the secretariat of the Reflection Group in agreement with its president.

The Reflection Group will report in time for the meeting of the European Council at the end of 1995. The procedure laid down in the Treaty relating to revision will apply to the next phase.