

To Mr Wilfried Martens  
President PPE.

Dear Sir,

Concerns : A Convention III linked with a Lisbon II.

To encourage Citizens to vote yes to the Constitutional Treaty, the European Council should, before the end of the year, adopt a declaration similar to the Laeken Declaration fixing the mandate of a third Convention for a "European Contract for a Well-Being Society and a Participatory Budget".

1.Indeed, the draft Constitutional Treaty could be the starting point of a metamorphosis of Europe. "*The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples*" states the Draft European Constitutional Treaty (Art I-3, §1). This should be the corner stone of a Europe closer to its Citizens, the opportunity to shape a new development model adapted to the challenges of the XXIst Century. It would be the leverage of European's leadership and a new competitiveness on the tomorrow markets of products, developed in partnership with the South, good for the health and for the environment.

To build a Well-Being Society is to associate two objectives, as very well described by the New Economics Foundation, "personal development" in a knowledge and solidar society, and "sustainable development". To build this new model, the draft Constitutional Treaty gives new levers : the integration of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, the reference to a "social market economy", the principle of free and fair trade, the objective of poverty eradication, the enhanced cooperation opportunities, the euro-group possibility to implement common tax policies.

2. You are well aware that the Lisbon process faces major problems in particular in terms of "lack of ownership" and "lack of commitments" from the Private Sector and Civil Society. The Convention III might adopt a set of "contracts" : a social contract against poverty, a contract for participatory democracy and civil society, a cultural contract for dialogue between cultures and religions, and a nature contract for development, and a contract for the most competitive knowledge networked society by 2010 (Lisbon II).

We would be pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the above proposals and the conclusions of a think tank meeting recently hosted on this matter .

Yours sincerely,

Annex 1. Renaissance Europe Think tank note

Annex 2. Background paper. The Metamorphosis of Europe.