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DES ÉTATS MEMBRES**

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**NOTE**

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de: la délégation chypriote

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Objet: **CIG 2003**

- *Réponse de Chypre au questionnaire sur la fonction législative, les formations du Conseil et la présidence du Conseil des ministres (doc. CIG 9/03)*
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Les délégations trouveront en annexe la réponse de la délégation chypriote au questionnaire sur la fonction législative, les formations du Conseil et la présidence du Conseil des ministres (voir doc. CIG 9/03).

## I. The Legislative Function

1. Exercise of the legislative function and a part dedicated to other activities should be determined for each Council formation. Setting up a separate Legislative Council as proposed in the Draft Treaty will give rise to problems in determining the participation of Ministers.
2. In the spirit of openness and accountability, all laws and framework laws should be adopted through the public legislative procedure.

## II. The Formations of the Council

3. The European Council's decision on the list of council formations should be taken unanimously as stipulated by the Draft Constitutional Treaty. The decision on the number of formations should be left to the European Council as provided for in the draft Constitutional Treaty.

## III. The Presidency of the Council of Ministers

4. In the spirit of equality of member-states and equitable participation in the workings of the Union, Cyprus does not favour the extension of fixed presidencies to Council formations other than that of the Foreign Affairs Council. The rotation system provided for in article 23 (4) should apply.
5. Cyprus supports the establishment of team presidencies.
6. [a] Cyprus considers that there should be four member-states in each team presidency.  
[b] the duration of each presidency term should be one year.  
[c] the composition of each team should be left open on the basis of criteria to be determined, with due regard to the principle of equal rotation, political, geographical and other criteria and the diversity of member-states as defined in article 23 (4).  
[d] the allocation of the different Council formations within the team should be left at the discretion on the members of the team
7. The task of coordination should be allocated to the General Affairs Council, as provided in the Draft Constitution, with the Member State holding the Presidency of the GAC also chairing Coreper.
8. Subordinate committees and working groups should be automatically chaired by the member-state holding the Presidency of the Council in question.
9. The PSC and the other external relations working parties could be chaired by representatives of the External Relations Representative.

10. Coordination should be entrusted to the GAC.
11. The detailed arrangements for the rotation of the Presidency of the Council could be decided by unanimity, as per the current practice and could be adopted later if the essential elements of the future arrangements are agreed at the same time as the Treaty establishing the Constitution.

**General Comment:**

The responses to these specific questions does not imply, and should not be interpreted as implying, that Cyprus accepts that only the above subjects presented by the Presidency are open for discussion and formulation. Cyprus reserves the right to make suggestions on other issues in due course.

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