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NOTE

de: la délégation bulgare

Objet: **CIG 2003**

- *Réponse de la Bulgarie 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 bulgare au questionnaire sur la fonction législative, les formations du Conseil et la présidence du Conseil des ministres (voir doc. CIG 9/03).

- Bulgaria would not oppose the creation of a single Legislative Council (as provided in Article 23.1 of the draft) even though we would slightly prefer the legislative functions to be dedicated to each Council formation.
- The decision on the list of Council formations should be taken unanimously as provided in Art. 23.3 and art. 20.4. of the draft
- For the presidency of the Council formations we would prefer to apply the rotation system as provided in Art. 23.4 of the draft. We do not exclude the possibility of introducing the team presidencies but further clarifications are needed in this respect – the team might include three Member States; its composition would be fixed in advance with due regard to the principle of equal rotation; the allocation of the different Council formations would be left to the discretion of the Member States in the team. The Member State chairing the General Affairs Council should chair Coreper as well. The committees/working parties subordinate to a particular Council will not necessarily be chaired by the Member holding the presidency (each committee might elect its chairman on the basis of his/her competencies). The PSC and other external relations working groups should preferably be chaired by a representative of the Foreign Minister. We do not see the necessity for the creation of a permanent informal structure for coordination between the representatives of the Member States holding the Presidency (ad hoc informal coordinating structures could be created when necessary).
- The essential elements for future arrangements for the rotation of the Presidency of the Council should be agreed during the IGC but the details could be left for further decisions in the European Council.
