



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

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

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.