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Θέμα: RE:

Dear colleagues,

I very much concur with the comments made by Chris Patten in his e-mail dated April 26 with regard to the draft declaration to be presented to the press after the meeting of the ACED in the 3rd and 4th of June. I feel really sorry that other commitments have kept me away from your meetings so far and that I will also be unable to be in Brussels early next month. But I want to use this opportunity to propose a limited number of amendments to the draft that was sent to me:

1. replace at the end of paragraph 1 the word "change" by "improve its governance"
2. delete the last sentence of paragraph 2
3. change the first sentence of paragraph 3 into "We believe that the negative vote in France and the Netherlands was"
4. replace in the third sentence of paragraph 4 the words "political elites" by the form of the Constitutional Treaty is no longer appropriate"
5. finally I subscribe to the suggestions Chris mad on paragraphs 8 and 9 on social policy, the Copenhagen criteria and the role of national parliaments.

I do hope that you will be prepared to consider these amendments and that you want to accept my apologies for my absence during this part of the process.

With kind regards and best wishes.

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Dear colleagues,

I recognise the politically thoughtful work that has gone into preparing the draft declaration. I am wholly happy with the broad thrust of it and suspect that the German presidency and others will regard it as a helpful tactical and strategic guide. I have a few reservations about the text but I think they are more matters of drafting than substance with one or two exceptions.

First, in paragraph 2 are we right to imply that the constitutional treaty would have brought Europe's governance closer to the citizens? I know this was the intention. ✓

Second, in paragraph 3 our analysis of the NO votes in France and the Netherlands would I suppose provoke a response in some quarters. I don't believe myself that we have been suffering from institutional gridlock. *contra*
There was a good article - the Charlemagne column - in the Economist last week on this (written incidentally by the much better Economist European editor John Peel).

Third, the way forward charted in paragraph 5 and 6 is extremely sensible??

Fourth, in paragraph 7 we include a few red rags for member states' bulls. I don't myself think that the next IGC should be encouraged to consider common social policies and I fear that the remark about the Copenhagen criteria and enlargement may be used as an excuse for aborting the process. *[why?]*

Fifth, would it be sensible to add national parliaments in paragraph 8? *SSS*

I'm sorry that other responsibilities have kept me away from the meetings which have produced this largely sensible outcome. I said at the outset that I thought that Mr Blair would buy a treaty based on Part 1. That now looks highly likely; I hope he will carry his successor.

Ever,
Chris Patten