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from : Presidency
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to : Permanent Representatives

Subject : Convening of an Intergovernmental Conference (IGC)
- amendments to the Treaties proposed by the Spanish Government concerning
the composition of the European Parliament

Recalling the conclusions of the European Council at its meetings on 11 and 12 December 2008 and on 18 and 19 June 2009 concerning the composition of the European Parliament as well as the proposal for the amendment of the Treaties submitted by the Spanish government on 4 December 2009 (doc. 17196/09) and following the Decision of 17 June 2010 of the European Council adopted in accordance with Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) (doc. EUCO 11/10), which was taken after the favourable opinions of the European Parliament and of the Commission and after the consent of the European Parliament not to convene a Convention,

the Presidency of the Council, in accordance with Article 48(4) of the TEU, hereby convenes a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to the Treaties.

The terms of reference of the IGC are annexed to the Decision of the European Council (doc. EUCO 11/10).

The IGC will be held in Brussels, at the level of Permanent Representatives, on 23 June 2010.

As has been the practice in the past, a Commission representative will participate in the Conference and the European Parliament will be closely involved in the work of the Conference.

The General Secretariat of the Council will be the secretariat of the Conference and all documents of the Conference will be made public and accessible on the internet site of the Council.

(Complimentary close).

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