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Dear Mr Chairman and colleague,

The first phase of discussion on the future of the European Union has now been underway for some months as a result of the express wish of the Conference of Heads of State and of Government through adoption of the declaration on the future of the European Union which was annexed to the Treaty of Nice. This proposes the consideration of four topics : a more precise delimitation of the competences between the Union and the Member States, the status of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, a simplification of the Treaties and the role of national Parliaments in the European architecture.

On 20 March 2001, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament promoted a meeting to consider the methods of organisation of the debate on the future of the Union, the framework of the subjects to be tackled and an appropriate method to follow to prepare for satisfactory solutions. The meeting was attended in great numbers by qualified delegations of national Parliaments of Member States and applicant countries. A summary of that debate is available on the European Parliament's website.

In line with the impetus created by that debate, I have pleasure, once again, in inviting representatives from your Assembly to take part in another meeting due to take place on :

Tuesday 10 July from 3.00pm - 6.30pm and Wednesday 11 July from 9.00am -12.30pm

at the European Parliament, Paul-Henri Spaak building, Room 3C50 (rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels).

We would suggest that the exchange of views on that occasion surround two additional themes proposed by the Conference at Nice, namely "Relations between the European Parliament and the national Parliaments", as well as "The delimitation of competences between the European Union and the Member States". These topics will be the subject of two reports currently under discussion in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs. We are already assured of the participation of Mrs Fontaine, the President of the European Parliament, of Mr Prodi, the

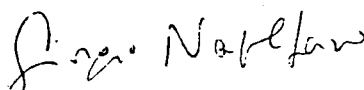
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President of the European Commission and of Mr Michel, the new President-in-office of the Council.

You will find the programme attached.

I look forward to the active participation of your Assembly at this next colloquy and remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Giorgio Napolitano". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Giorgio NAPOLITANO

Encl. Programme

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

MEETING WITH NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES AND APPLICANT COUNTRIES

Tuesday 10 July 2001

3.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 11 July 2001

9.00am – 12.30pm

Room 3 C 50

Brussels

(with interpretation)

10 July

- 3.00pm** Address by Mrs Nicole Fontaine, President of the European Parliament
Address by Mr Michel, President-in-office of the Council
Address by Mr Prodi, President of the Commission
- 4.00pm** Relations between the European Parliament and national Parliaments
Opening statement by Mr Napolitano
- 4.15pm** Debate
- 6.30pm** Close of session

Cocktail

11 July

- 9.00am** The delimitation of competences between the European Union and Member States
Introductory statement by Mr Lamassoure
- 9.15am** Debate
- 11.30am** Address by Mrs Neyts, President-in-office of the Council
- 12.00pm** Conclusions
- 12.30pm** Close of session

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