

Ratification of the Constitution

Resolution

adopted by the Central Council (Brussels - 10 December 2004)

After carrying out a comprehensive evaluation of prospects for the ratification of the Constitutional Treaty by Member States and for its implementation, the Central Council of the European League for Economic Cooperation, meeting in Brussels on 10 December 2004:

- ◇ **underlines** the historical importance of the birth of a Constitution for Europe and rejoices over its adoption by 25 Heads of States and Governments, although the IGC weakened the text submitted by the Convention at a number of important points;
- ◇ **notes** that it brings appreciable advances, inter alia by
 - the consolidation of values and of principles of the European project
 - a better governance for an enlarged Union
 - a more democratic mode of operation of its institutions
 - the place and role devolved on its citizens;
- ◇ **hopes** that the political will to ratify the Constitution promptly and to make further progress towards greater integration will assert itself in all Member States;
- ◇ **calls for** the public authorities in countries holding a referendum to adopt a clear and effective communication strategy in order to raise public awareness as widely as possible regarding the content and scope of the Constitution;
- ◇ **urges** all of its national sections and members to play an active part in the debates which will accompany the ratification process and in ensuring its success.
