Decision on the European Council's proposal not to convene a Convention for the revision of the Treaties with regard to transitional measures concerning the composition of the European Parliament

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PURPOSE: to request Parliament’s consent to dispense with a Convention following the proposal for revision of the Treaties with regard to the composition of the European Parliament.

CONTENT: in accordance with Article 48(3)(ii) of the TEU, the European Council is seeking Parliament's consent not to convene a Convention to examine the proposed amendments by the Government of Spain to Protocol 36 on transitional provisions concerning the composition of the European Parliament.

It should be recalled that Article 48(3)(ii) of the TEU states that the European Council may decide by a simple majority, after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament, not to convene a Convention should this not be justified by the extent of the proposed amendments. In the latter case, the European Council shall define the terms of reference for a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States.