# Resolution on the preparation of the European Council on 25 and 26 March 2004

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the preparation of the European Council on 25-26 March 2004, calling on each and every member of the European Council to show the flexibility that would inevitably be needed in order to avoid deadlock at the IGC. Parliament warned that agreement on the outstanding issues at the IGC is unlikely to become easier to resolve later, and made a solemn appeal to the European Council to decide on the immediate resumption of the IGC, in order to reach a conclusion prior to 1 May 2004 on the basis of the draft constitutional Treaty put forward by the European Convention. Parliament went on to call on the Irish Presidency to take all the necessary steps to break the current deadlock, fully supporting any initiative that would allow the IGC to reach a positive conclusion. It warned that failure to reach a constitutional settlement would frustrate the integration process, render the Union unable to contemplate any further enlargement and result in a devastating loss of solidarity and legitimacy.