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THE HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (I)

Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word in the box.

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convene	declaration	draft	draw up	elected	Heads
majority	observers	Ombudsman	overseen	submitted	Treaty

On March 1957 in Rome, six countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands) signed the 1. establishing the European Economic Community (EEC).

It was at Laeken, in Belgium, that the 2. of State or Government of the 15 Member States of the European Union decided to 3. a "European Convention", 4. the main parties involved in the debate on the future of Europe. This European Convention was instructed to 5. a document intended to provide a starting point for discussions in an Intergovernmental Conference to 6. the existing European Treaties (the "Laeken 7." of 15 December 2001). Never before has an amendment of the European Treaties been prepared by such a large and open assembly as the European Convention.

The European Convention, 8. by Mr Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, began work on 28 February 2002. It was composed of 105 members (and 102 alternates), comprising 1 Chairman, 2 Vice-Chairmen, 2 representatives of the European Commission, 15 representatives of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, 13 representatives of the Heads of State or Government of the 9. States, 30 representatives of the national parliaments of the Member States, 26 representatives of the national parliaments of the candidate States and 16 members of the European Parliament. Thus, 72 of the Convention's members, i.e. a good 10., were directly 11. members of national parliaments of the European Parliament.

The proceedings of the Convention were also 12. by 13 13., representing the Committee of the Regions, the Economic and Social Committee, the European social partners and the European 14.

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All the Convention's sessions were open to the public and all the official documents were published, notably on the Internet. Numerous working groups were created and the Convention organised extensive 15. of organisations representing civil society (trade unions, employers' organisations, NGOs, academic circles, etc.).

After 16 months' work the European Convention reached a 16. on a 17. European Constitution (13 June and 10 July 2003).

The draft was 18. to an Intergovernmental Conference composed of the representatives of the governments of the present and future Member States.

Exercise 2. Match the phrases on the left with their correspondents on the right.

1. Treaty of Accession

a) treaty of 1st Nov 1993, by which the member states of the European Community established the European Union, formed of three pillars: the European Community, and two pillars based on the Council of Ministers, which coordinate foreign and security policies (including defence) and justice and interior policies, such as immigration, international terrorism, drug-smuggling, etc.

2. Treaty of Maastricht / on European Union

b) treaty which established the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951

3. Treaty of Paris

c) treaty by which a new member state joins the European Union, such as that by which the UK joined the European Community in 1972

4. Treaty of Rome

d) treaty which established the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy in 1957

Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate English correspondents of the phrases in the box, making all the necessary changes:

conducător executiv	conducător de facto	deschiderea lucrărilor parlamentului
a fi însărcinat cu	șeful guvernului (x4)	șeful statului (x3)

A 1. may not have much political power, and may be restricted to ceremonial duties (meeting ambassadors, laying wreaths at national memorials, 2., etc.). The 3. is usually the 4. of the country, except in countries where the President is the 5., and the 6. 7. the administration. In the U.K., the Queen is 8., and the Prime Minister is 9. in the U.S., the President is both 10. and 11.

Exercise 4. People, talks and papers

Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right.

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| A. | 1. candidate | a) deputy or second in command |
| | 2. chairman | b) most important person |
| | 3. head | c) person who is in charge of a meeting |
| | 4. member | d) person elected to represent a group of people |
| | 5. observer | e) person who puts himself forward for election |
| | 6. partner | f) person who attends a meeting to listen but not to take part |
| | 7. representative | g) person who belongs to a group or a society |
| | 8. vice- | h) person who takes part with another or others in some activity |
| B.1. | 1. assembly | a) conference of members of a society, political party, etc. devoted to a particular purpose (e.g. election of candidates) |
| | 2. conference | b) number of persons who have come together |
| | 3. consultation | c) coming together of a group of people |
| | 4. convention | d) discussion leading to a vote, especially the discussion of a motion in Parliament |
| | 5. debate | e) talking about a problem |
| | 6. discussion | f) meeting or period when a group of people meets |
| | 7. meeting | g) act of asking for advice |
| | 8. session | h) meeting of a group of people to discuss something |

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| C.1. amend | a) official statement |
| 2. declaration | b) saying something clearly |
| 3. document | c) something written or printed to be used as a record or evidence |
| 4. draft | d) first rough document which has not been finished |
| 5. draw up | e) write one's name in a special personal way on a document to show that one has written or approved it |
| 6. sign | f) written legal document between countries |
| 7. statement | g) change or correct |
| 8. submit | h) prepare a (legal) document |
| 9. treaty | i) ask for something to be considered by a committee or meeting |

Exercise 5. Choose the write word to complete the sentences below.

1. In the U.S.A. theis the president (i.e. the chairman) of the Senate.
a) head b) representative c) vice-president
2. The of state is the official leader of the country.
a) chairman b) head c) candidate
3. The committee met under the of Mrs. Jones.
a) membership b) partnership c) chairmanship
4. He earned a reputation of keen of current mores.
a) observer b) representative c) member
5. The Labourwas elected.
a) member b) candidate c) observer
6. The legislature is made up of elected by secret ballot.
a) candidates b) representatives c) partners
7. Profits are shared equally among all the
a) representatives b) partners c) candidates
8. The company is a of the Association of British Insurers.
a) partner b) candidate c) member
9. After a longthe bill was passed by the House of Commons and sent to the House of Lords.
a) discussion b) debate c) consultation

10. The Police Federation is holding its annual this week.

- a) session b) debate c) conference

11. There must be full with the union on this matter.

- a) consultation b) discussion c) conference

11. The first of the new Parliament opened with the reading of the Queen's speech.

- a) discussion b) debate c) session

12. After some the committee agreed to an adjournment.

- a) discussion b) consultation c) conference

13. Clearness of is more important than beauty of language.

- a) declaration b) draft c) statement

14. The Bill is with th House of Commons lawyers.

- a) draft b) declaration c) document

15. The was signed but not ratified.

- a) draft b) treaty c) statement

16. Deeds, contracts and wills are legal

- a) declarations b) treaties c) documents

17. The count has been going on since 10 o'clock and we are still waiting for the

- a) statement b) document c) declaration

18. The Democratic Party to select the presidential candidate was held in Washington.

- a) meeting b) convention c) assembly

19. A staff will be held next Friday.

- a) meeting b) convention c) assembly

20. The of Deputies is the lower house of the legislature in Romania.

- a) meeting b) convention c) assembly

21. The cheque is not valid if it has not been by the finance director.

- a) signed b) submitted c) drawn up d) amended

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22. He six planning applications to the committee.

a) amended b) submitted **c) drawn up** d) signed

23. I'll a list of possible changes.

a) draw up b) sign **c) amend** d) submit

24. Please your copy of the minutes accordingly.

a) draw up b) sign c) amend d) submit