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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for sending the draft report. I would like to inform you officially that I will not be able to support the report.

From the outset, the ECR Group and myself, we were sceptical about the hasty procedure of the Treaty changes. We believed, and continue to believe, that the current Treaty arrangements should be used to the full. However, in a spirit of compromise and loyal cooperation, we have decided to engage in good faith in joint work on treaty change.

From the very beginning, the work was carried out in an non-transparent and unfair manner. Although consensus was established as the way forward, this was quickly changed to 'consensus minus one' to exclude ECR. Despite the importance of the topics addressed, after all these are constitutional changes, there has not been sufficiently in-depth discussion and scientific-practical analysis regarding all the topics. Changes of a purely political and ideological nature have been pushed through. Thoroughly substantiated and concrete proposals, which I submitted on behalf of ECR, aiming to enhance and reinforce the functioning of Treaty based principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in the Union, were all outright rejected. None of the ECR proposals were included in the final version of the report.

In the end, the negotiated changes do not allow to be supported by the ECR. They boil down, in the first instance, to a completely ill-considered and disproportionate shift in decision-making towards highly centralized structure escaping democratic control and removing unanimous decision-making in almost all treaty areas. Secondly, there has been a further weakening of Member States by taking away exclusive competences in key areas. Thirdly, a number of changes of a purely political and ideological nature have been proposed, which should never have been included in a text of a constitutional statutory nature.

Therefore, for above reasons I withdraw as co-rapporteur of the above mentioned report. The report as presented is ineligible for endorsement by myself and the ECR Group. In the present form we do not support neither the report nor even the general idea of convening the Convention for changing of the Treaties.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the convivial atmosphere and for taking part in the few discussions on some of the proposals that we have managed to hold over this time. I extend my thanks, of course, also to the professional work of the AFCO secretariat and to all our assistants and advisors whose participation considerably helped the discussions.

Best regards,
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