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„Conference proved that Convention is the best path towards new treaties”
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Treaties”
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I would like to strongly support our call for a Convention and raise three points.

My first point is that, European Treaties codify our past, reflect also lessons learnt from problems we faced together and overcame or not. But they should also give us effective instruments to cope with challenges of tomorrow.

For the years to come we will need a legal framework that will offer a more unified European jurisdiction, leave no space to populist political forces undermining European foundations, allow us to be more pro-active, hopefully also less prescriptive and more principle based. Of course, thinking ahead requires political will, strategic vision but also political courage.

My second point is the good news that while aiming toward treaty change, we will not be starting from scratch. One year long debate in the framework of the Conference on the future of Europe and citizens engagement offer a vision of Europe caring about democracy and the rule of law, competitive internationally, climate friendly, socially sensitive, providing security and able to build global alliances.

The moment is indeed unique as for this treaty change we have brave and pragmatic citizens with us.

And the last point, our resolution will send a strong political signal about the need of changing European Treaties in all areas that will make the Union fit for the future. And Conference has proved that a Convention is the best path towards new treaties the Union needs.