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1. In recent years it has been our practice to take evidence regularly, normally after the six-monthly meetings of the European Council, from a Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

2. Accordingly, in this Report we make available, for the information of the House, the oral evidence given to us by The Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Minister for Europe, on the outcome of the Seville European Council held on 21 and 22 June 2002.

3. This Report covers evidence on both the outcome of the Seville European Council and the work of the Convention on the Future of Europe. The key topics are:

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