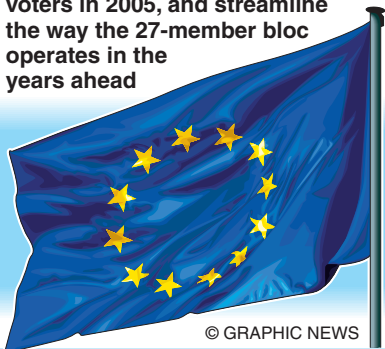


EU treaty key reforms

European Union foreign ministers are meeting to draft a reform treaty to replace the EU constitution, rejected by French and Dutch voters in 2005, and streamline the way the 27-member bloc operates in the years ahead



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Voting system: Number of votes allocated to members according to population size. Introduction delayed until 2014 to placate Polish fears that system penalises smaller countries



President: Serves 2.5 year term. Replaces system where states take turns to hold post for six months



Foreign affairs: Revamped post of foreign policy chief to bolster common foreign and security policy



EU Commission: Executive body cut from 27 to 17 members, selected in rotation for five-year term



Rights charter: UK to opt out of 50-article list due to concern over impact on business and legal system