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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of the third quarter of 1979

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Article 10 of the Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the Provisional Location of Certain Institutions and Departments of the Communities (Merger Treaty) states that "the Governments of the Member States are willing to locate in Luxembourg, or to transfer thereto, other Community bodies and departments, particularly those concerned with finance, provided that their proper functioning can be ensured. To this end, they request the Commission to present to them annually a report on the current situation concerning the location of Community bodies and departments and on the possibility of taking new steps to give effect to this provision, account being taken of the need to ensure the proper functioning of the Communities".

Each year since 1968 the Commission has presented a report to the Council¹ in compliance with these provisions.

This report, the twelfth, describes the situation at the end of September 1979.

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I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

At the end of September 1979 a total of 7 156 officials and local staff (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	1 866
Language Service	949
Category B	1 316
Category C	2 333
Category D	350
Local staff	342
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¹Ref.: SEC(68)3350 final, 25 October 1968;
SEC(69)4897 final, 17 December 1969;
SEC(70)3681 final, 27 October 1970;
SEC(71)4684 final, 20 December 1971;
SEC(72)4493 final, 4 January 1973;
SEC(73)4390 final, 3 December 1973;
SEC(74)4771 final, 9 December 1974;
SEC(75)4070 final, 3 December 1975;
COM(76)710 final, 6 January 1977;
COM(77)714 final, 3 January 1978.
COM(79) 47 final, 12 February 1979.

2. These figures include a limited number of officials from departments located in Luxembourg who have been assigned to Brussels for the purpose of liaising with departments there.

The officials involved number 53, from the following departments:

SOEC	23
Computer Operations Division	7
Administration	9
Analysis and Programming Department	3
Directorate-General for Scientific and Technical Information and Information Management	11
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II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

1. As in Brussels, there was a slight increase in the number of staff employed by the Commission in Luxembourg.

At the end of September 1979 a total of 1 857 officials and local staff (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	302
Language Service	264
Category B	489
Category C	577
Category D	79
Local staff	146
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2. The staff of the Directorates-General and other departments of the Commission located in Luxembourg was broken down as follows:

- (i) The Statistical Office: 275 officials (101 A, 98 B, and 76 C); (1978: 269 officials) (Note: a further 23 officials - 12 A, 5 B and 6 C - are assigned to the Brussels branch office);
- (ii) The Health and Safety Directorate (V-F) of the Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs: 68 officials (29 A, 20 B and 19 C) (1978: 64 officials);
- (iii) The Directorate-General for Scientific and Technical Information and Information Management: 132 officials and local staff (47 A, 27 B, 52 C, 4 D and 2 local staff); (1978: 132);
- (iv) The Directorate-General for Credit and Investments: 75 officials and local staff (29 A, 26 B, 19 C and 1 member of local staff (1978: 75));

- (v) The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-E) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 154 officials (37 A, 79 B and 38 C) (1978: 152 officials);
- (vi) The Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 3 officials (2 A, 1 C) (1978: 2 officials);
- (vii) The Luxembourg Information Office (Directorate-General for Information): 3 officials (1 A, 1 B and 1 C) (1978: 3 officials);
- (viii) Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 842 officials and local staff (34 A, 264 LA, 115 B, 265 C, 63 D and 101 local staff - apart from the staff paid out of the social service appropriations) (1978: 828).

3. A number of departments located in Brussels have assigned staff to Luxembourg to improve contacts with the departments located there or to take up duties with bodies based there. A total of 25 officials are posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	7
Legal Service	2
Security Office	4
Directorate-General for Budgets	3
Directorate-General for Financial Control	7
Directorate-General for Development	2
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These figures are included in the table at II.1.

4. Pursuant to the decision taken in June 1978 to move all Brussels-based production units back to Luxembourg within two years, the number of staff from the Statistical Office serving in Brussels has been reduced from 27 to 23.

5. In view of the development of the Community's "borrowing-lending" policy, the Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office has been assigned a further A official.

6. An "Official Publications Office of the European Communities" was established pursuant to Article 8 of the Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States. Under a Decision taken by the Community institutions (including the ESC) on 16 January 1969, the Publications Office is directed by a Managing Board consisting of representatives of the five institutions.

The Office's staff is currently made up as follows:

Category A	14	(v)
Category B	95	
Category C	12	
Category D	42	(iv)
Local Staff	279	

These figures are also included in the table at II.4.

III. COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS

In the context of the short and medium-term programme presented to the Council in April 1975, under which the Commission planned to regroup its departments in three centres around the rond-point Schuman, the following events stand out in 1979:

- the steady progress of construction work on the remaining part of the JE/C/L triangle, which on completion (scheduled for 1981) will be able to house all the Commission's financial and administrative department
- the beginning of work on the construction of a conference centre near the place Jourdan, scheduled for completion by the end of 1981;
- the progress of negotiations with the Belgian authorities for the construction of two buildings, the first, to be called "Etterbeek", will be an extension of 120 Loi, while the second, "Ilot 4", will be bordered by the boulevard Charlemagne, rue Stévin and rue Joseph II. These two buildings should be available by 1983.

To deal with the serious shortage of offices noted in 1978, which was aggravated by the staff increases under the 1979 budget, the Commission rented an additional building with an area of around 18 000 m².

IV. COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG

In Luxembourg the main feature of the year has been the continuation of construction work on the third section of the Jean Monnet building, which on completion will allow all the Commission departments in Luxembourg to be housed together in a single building.

Unfortunately, however, the work has fallen behind schedule and the completion date is now expected to be almost a year later than that envisaged in last year's report (COM(79)47 final of 12 February 1979)

The builder's latest forecast is that the administrative wing proper will be handed over in two stages, on 1 December 1979 and 1 May 1980. The section designed specifically for the Computer Centre will be ready towards the end of 1980.

This means that in 1979 the Commission continued to occupy the same buildings as in 1978. Additional premises (58 rue Glesener) had to be rented - pending completion of the new Computer Centre - to house one of the computers (Siemens), which needed to be moved because the air conditioning at the present Computer Centre was unable to cope with the combined heat given off the the ICL, IBM and Siemens computers.

The Commission departments in Luxembourg will not, then, be housed together in the Jean Monnet building until 1980/81. By 1981 the only offices in use should be those in the Jean Monnet building and the temporary accommodation rented at the European Centre for use during Council meetings and part-sessions of Parliament.

Finally, again in the Jean Monnet building, the fifth floor of the new third section will be made available temporarily to the Court of Justice until the extension to its present premises (which the owner, the State of Luxembourg, plans to begin shortly) is built.

The observations in last year's report relating to the European Monetary Cooperation Fund are no less relevant today. Clearly, if the EMS is to operate effectively, implementation of successive stages of the System will need to be accompanied by a progressive adjustment of the back-up services in terms of administration and office accommodation.

The new building which the Luxembourg authorities are constructing for the European Parliament will be completed in the very near future. It is being provided in addition to the existing premises, and should enable the enlarged Parliament to carry out its duties in surroundings appropriate to its present needs.