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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of the third quarter of 1980

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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 thirteenth, describes the situation at the end of October 1980.

I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

At the end of October 1980 a total of 7 324 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	1 903
Language Service	947
Category B	1 362
Category C	2 408
Category D	365
Local staff	339
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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;
COM(79)790 final, 11 January 1980.

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 55, from the following departments:

SOEC	21
Computer Operations Division	7
Administration	9
Analysis and Programming Department	4
Systems Analysis Group	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 October 1980 a total of 1 921 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	304
Language Service	277
Category B	497
Category C	583
Category D	73
Local staff	187
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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: 274 officials (102 A, 97 B and 75 C); (1979: 275 officials) (Note: a further 21 officials - 10 A, 5 B and 6 C - are assigned to the Brussels branch office);
- (ii) The Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs: 63 officials (28 A, 18 B and 17 C) (1979: 68 officials);
- (iii) The Directorate-General for the Information Market and Innovation: 133 officials and local staff (49 A, 27 B, 51 C, 4 D and 2 local staff); (1979: 132);

- (iv) The Directorate-General for Credit and Investments: 75 officials and local staff (28 A, 29 B, 17 C and 1 member of local staff) (1979: 75 officials);
- (v) The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-E) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 154 officials (36 A, 79 B and 39 C) (1979: 154 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) (1979: 3 officials);
- (vii) The Luxembourg Information Office (Directorate-General for Information): 5 officials (1 A, 2 B and 2 C) (1979: 3 officials);
- (viii) Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 892 officials and local staff (36 A, 277 LA, 121 B, 268 C, 57 D and 133 local staff - apart from the staff paid out of the social service appropriations) (1979: 842 officials).

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 23 to 21.

5. 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
Category B	118
Category C	101
Category D	12
Local Staff	51

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These figures are also included in the table at II.1.

III. COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

Here the Commission has acted in full conformity with the programme presented to the Council in April 1975 and the medium-term building plan prepared by the Council and the Commission at the suggestion of and in agreement with the Belgian Delegation.

The comparative stability in staff numbers has meant that the Commission has had to acquire only a small amount of extra space (1,498 m² for records in the basement of the Square de Meeus building rented in 1979).

Construction work being handled by the private sector in accordance with Commission plans (the JE/C/L triangle and the Borschette Centre) is up to schedule; these buildings are expected to be occupied in 1981. Agreement has been reached on relinquishing the conference rooms rented in the Manhattan Centre.

There have been serious delays with plans for new buildings which, according to the medium-term building plan, were to be constructed under Belgian auspices.

In view of the delays which have already occurred with respect to the original programme, the Commission is planning to start talks immediately with the Belgian Government to obtain assurances that the programme will go through according to schedule; the Commission will keep the Council informed of any new developments which result from the talks.

The Commission has already reported to the budgetary authority on the building situation over the last five years and the short and medium-term prospects (1).

(1) Situation regarding Commission premises in Brussels - COM(80)544 final.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

In 1980 the Jean Monnet Building came close to completion and departments housed elsewhere moved in.

By the end of 1980 or the beginning of 1981, all Commission departments except for central computer services are expected to be housed in this building.

Naturally, the offices used by Members of the Commission when they are in Luxembourg will continue to be rented in the European Centre, close to the Council rooms and the Parliament chamber.

The chamber, which the Luxembourg authorities began building in 1979, was completed and handed over to Parliament in mid-1980, with the result that Parliament now has the proper facilities for performing the enhanced role conferred on it as a result of its new status.

Lastly, statements in earlier reports regarding the European Monetary Cooperation Fund still apply. Its physical and administrative resources will have to be boosted as soon as a decision is taken to move on to the next stage of the EMS as envisaged at the highest level.

The building occupied by the Office for Official Publications near the station needs to be extended to cope with new needs arising from, among other things, successive enlargements of the Community. A plan has been produced with the full support of the Luxemburg authorities, and has been submitted to the budgetary authorities. As finance is available the building can be ready about 2 years after a decision is taken to construct it. Immediate action on this plan would be highly desirable.