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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL
ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of September 1984

Article 10 of the Decision of 8 April 1965 of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the provisional location of certain institutions and departments of the Communities reads as follows:

"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 Council in compliance with these provisions.

This report, the seventeenth, describes the situation at the end of September 1984.

I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

1. At the end of September 1984 a total of 8 071 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	2 116	
Language Service	1 032	
Category B	1 498	
Category C	2 717	
Category D	439	
Local staff	269	(including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations)
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2. These figures include a small 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 27, from the following departments:

SOEC	15
Directorate-General for the Information Market and Innovation	12
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II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

1. At the end of September 1984 a total of 2 113 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	329	
Language Service	292	
Category B	561	
Category C	649	
Category D	160	
Local staff	122	(including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations)
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2. The posts assigned to the Directorates-General and other departments located in Luxembourg break down as follows:

1. The Statistical Office: 301 posts (106 A, 107 B and 88 C); (1983: 296 posts) (Note: a further 15 officials - 6 A, 5 B and 4 C - are assigned to the Liaison Office in Brussels).
2. The Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Education: 63 posts (29 A, 17 B and 17 C); (1983: 63 posts).
3. The Directorate-General for the Information Market and Innovation: 134 posts (48 A, 28 B, 54 C, 4 D); (1983: 133 posts) (Note: a further 12 officials - 5 A, 1 B and 6 C - are assigned to the Liaison Office in Brussels).
4. The Directorate-General for Credit and Investments: 91 posts (34 A, 36 B, 21 C); (1983: 85 posts).
5. The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-F) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 160 posts (37 A, 83 B and 40 C); (1983: 162 posts).
6. The Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 posts (1 A and 1 C); (1983: 2 posts).
7. The Luxembourg Information Office (Directorate-General for Information): 4 posts (1 A, 2 B and 1 C); (1983: 4 posts).
8. Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 976 posts (51 A, 292 LA, 123 B, 305 C, 124 D and 81 local staff - including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations); (1983: 968 posts).

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 duty with bodies based there. A total of 30 officials are posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	9
Legal Service	2
Security Office	5
Directorate-General for Budgets	3
Directorate-General for Financial Control	8
Directorate-General for Development	2
Directorate-General for the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs	1
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These figures are included in the table in II.1.

4. Pursuant to Article 8 of the Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States an Official Publications Office of the European Communities was located in Luxembourg. Under a decision taken by the Community institutions on 16 January 1969, the Publications Office is directed by a Managing Board consisting of representatives of the six institutions and bodies.

The posts currently allocated to the Office break down as follows:

Category A	15
Category B	154
Category C	111
Category D	32
Local staff	4
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These figures are also included in the table in II.1.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

All the Commission's departments in Luxembourg have been housed in two buildings since April 1981:

- the Jean Monnet building, comprising three blocks (one floor of block C is currently sub-let to the Court of Justice) and an annex housing the new Computer Centre;
- the building previously occupied by the data-processing departments.

Plans for converting the second building to house the Euratom Safeguards Directorate have been finalized with the local authorities, so work can start as soon as possible.

The main Publications Office building is close to the railway station and the Central Post Office. Opened in 1973, it was designed to house departments for a six-language Community. The 1981 enlargement and the expansion of the Official Journal led to a number of annexes being rented. The sales department was relocated in 1981. Decentralized storage facilities and new premises for the dispatch department were fitted out in 1983. To counteract this trend, which makes the Office even more difficult to run, the local authorities took a decision in 1982 to increase the capacity of the main building. The new offices, which will take account of the growing role of computers in publishing, production and management and the forthcoming accession of Portugal and Spain, will probably be available mid-1985.

Lastly, as indicated in earlier reports, physical and administrative measures will become necessary as the European Monetary System progresses and the European Monetary Cooperation Fund is set up.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

Following the increase in staff provided for in the 1984 budget, in particular for the ESPRIT project, the Commission has rented a small building near the Rond-Point Schuman, an additional floor in an existing building and, from the end of the year, a medium-sized building to cater for present and future requirements, including renovation of a building already occupied.

The Joyeuse Entrée/Cortenberg/Loi complex built in 1962 is still being renovated. Much of the work is already completed and departments have returned to modernized, functional offices. Renovation will continue until early in 1985.

In association with the other institutions, the Commission is currently looking for new premises for the crèche and after-school child-minding service; along with the commune of Overijse it is continuing its efforts to find a solution to the problem of access to the sports complex there.

The Commission has embarked upon the building of the new office extension at 120 rue de la Loi. The decision to extend the building was taken in 1983. The Commission has awarded contracts in compliance with the appropriate Community Directives. Work started in March 1984 and should be completed in 1986.

In addition, the Commission is continuing discussions with a view to obtaining the use of a further complex near the Rond-Point Schuman.