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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of September 1990
and at the end of September 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This report, submitted to the Council under 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), describes the situation obtaining at the end of September 1990 and the end of September 1991.

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 twenty-third, describes the situation at the end of September 1990 and at the end of September 1991.

The Commission considers that a single report is appropriate because it gives a better picture of the situation in the wake of the important decisions taken over the two years in question.

As part of its programme to modernize and adapt its structures to meet the challenges of implementing the Single Act and in the prospective of the entry into force of Maastricht Treaty, the Commission undertook a radical restructuring of its departments.

In the case of the Translation Service, the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration and the new Informatics Directorate, the aim was to create a more efficient structure to provide a service adapted to the reality of an expanding Community where the emphasis is now on partnership.

A number of operational Directorates-General were reformed, some more radically than others, as to a follow-up to the screening exercise conducted in March 1991. This process will continue in 1992.

In terms of accommodation the year 1991 was rather fraught. Evacuation of the Berlaymont and the subsequent relocation of staff was an enormous undertaking, particularly in view of the short timescale.

The problem of housing a growing number of staff in Brussels and Luxembourg alike in the event of a further enlargement of the Community has lead the Commission to give some thought to accommodation policy in the longer term.

This report gives figures for staff employed in Brussels and Luxembourg in both 1990 and 1991.

It will be seen that reorganization of the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration and the Translation Service has in no way compromised the balance of overall allocations between Brussels and Luxembourg. The redeployment of staff in 1990 and 1991 to cope with urgent priority requirements (PHARE for example) did however affect the number of posts allocated to certain Directorates-General.

The Commission's decision to decentralize the Informatics Directorate was taken in the second half of 1991. For this reason separate figures could not be given for the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration and the Informatics Directorate. These will be available for the next report.

The accommodation situation in Brussels in 1991 was transformed with the decision to evacuate the Berlaymont.

I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

September 1990

1. At the end of September 1990 a total of 9 349 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	2 552
Language Service	1 251
Category B	1 777
Category C	3 140
Category D	<u>629</u>
	9 349

September 1991

4. At the end of September 1991 a total of 9 641 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	2 630
Language Service	1 267
Category B	1 798
Category C	3 310
Category D	<u>636</u>
	9 641

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.

September 1990

In 1990 160 officials were involved from the following departments:

SOEC	14
Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Industry and Innovation	146 (including the Esprit Directorate)

September 1991

A year later, 156 officials were involved from the following departments:

SOEC	10
Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Industry and Innovation	146 (including the Esprit Directorate)

II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

September 1990

1. At the end of September 1990 a total of 2 559 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	447
Language Service	342
Category B	743
Category C	787
Category D	<u>240</u>
	2 559

September 1991

1. At the end of September 1991 a total of 2 577 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	454
Language Service	342
Category B	755
Category C	786
Category D	<u>240</u>
	2 577

2. The posts assigned to the Directorates-General and other departments located in Luxembourg broke down as follows:

September 1990

- (a) The Statistical Office: 354 posts (133 A, 126 B and 95 C); 1989: 354 posts (Note: a further 14 officials - 4 A, 5 B and 5 C - are assigned to the Liaison Office in Brussels).
- (b) The Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Education: 55 posts (24 A, 14 B and 17 C); (1989: 51 posts).
- (c) The Radiation Protection Division (XI-A-1) of the Directorate-General for the Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety.

A total of 8 A, 3 B and 5 C posts are assigned to Luxembourg.

- (d) Directorate-General XIII (Telecommunications, Information Industries and Innovation) is located in Luxembourg but has departments in both Luxembourg and Brussels.

A total of 150 posts were assigned to Luxembourg (55 A, 34 B, 57 C, 4 D); (1989: 146 posts).

In addition to the Deputy Director-General and his secretariat, Directorates B and C and part of Directorate E are located in Luxembourg. The integration of these departments into the new Directorate-General XIII has been fundamental to the expansion of their activities in the following areas: removal of language barriers, promotion of innovation, technology transfer and exploitation of Community research and development.

- (e) Directorate-General XVIII (Credit and Investments): 108 posts (38 A, 43 B, 26 C); (1989: 107 posts).
- (f) The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-E) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 261 posts (81 A, 129 B and 51 C); (1989: 240 posts).
- (g) The Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 posts (1 A and 1 C); (1989: 2 posts).
- (h) The Luxembourg Office, previously the Luxembourg Information Office, of Directorate-General X (Information, Communication and Culture): 3 posts (1 A, 1 B and 1 C); (1989: 3 posts).
- (i) Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General IX (Personnel and Administration): 636 posts (77 A, 2 LA, 164 B, 232 C and 161 D).
- (j) Translation Service: 520 posts (4 A, 340 LA, 19 B and 157 C).

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 were posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	10
Legal Service	3
Security Office	5
Directorate-General for Budgets	3
Directorate-General for Financial Control	8
Directorate-General for the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs	<u>1</u>
	30

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

September 1991

- (a) The Statistical Office: 364 posts (138 A, 130 B and 94 C and 2 D); 1990: 354 posts (Note: a further 10 officials - 2 A, 4 B and 4 C - are assigned to the Liaison Office in Brussels).

- (b) The Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Education: 57 posts (24 A, 16 B and 17 C); (1990: 51 posts).

- (c) The Radiation Protection Division (XI-A-1) of the Directorate-General for the Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety.

A total of 8 A, 4 B and 5 C posts are assigned to Luxembourg.

- (d) Directorate-General XIII (Telecommunications, Information Industries and Innovation) is located in Luxembourg but has departments in both Luxembourg and Brussels.

A total of 157 posts were assigned to Luxembourg (58 A, 36 B, 59 C, 4 D); (1990: 150 posts).

- (e) Directorate-General XVIII (Credit and Investments): 105 posts (36 A, 43 B, 26 C); (1990: 108 posts).
- (f) The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-E) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 267 posts (86 A, 131 B and 50 C); (1990: 261 posts).
- (g) The Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 posts (1 A and 1 C); (1990: 2 posts).
- (h) The Luxembourg Office, previously the Luxembourg Information Office, of Directorate-General X (Information, Communication and Culture): 3 posts (1 A, 1 B and 1 C); (1990: 3 posts).
- (i) Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General IX (Personnel and Administration): 627 posts (71 A, 2 LA, 164 B, 231 C and 159 D).
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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 Management Committee consisting of representatives of the six institutions and bodies.

September 1990

The posts allocated to the Office (also included in the table in II.1) broke down as follows:

Category A	18
Category B	203
Category C	129
Category D	<u>74</u>
	424

September 1991

The posts allocated to the Office (also included in the table in II.1) broke down as follows:

Category A	20
Category B	203
Category C	131
Category D	<u>74</u>
	428

5. In accordance with the financial agreement of the institutions dated 24 July 1973, a European Monetary Cooperation Fund (EMCF), run by a Board composed of the Governors of the Central Banks of the Member States, has been provisionally located in Luxembourg. The Fund does not employ any staff. Given the development of the European Monetary System appropriate material and administrative arrangements will have to be considered.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS

1. The major development in 1991 was the evacuation of the Berlaymont and the relocation of staff in ten alternative buildings.
2. The alternative accommodation was made available to the Commission by the Belgian Ministère des Travaux publiques under leases directly negotiated by the Régie des bâtiments. The Belgian authorities' cooperation was clearly vital to the success of the operation.
3. A number of infrastructures such as the staff restaurant, the cafeteria and the staff shop remain where they are for the moment. They will gradually move to other buildings in the course of 1992 before renovation work on the Berlaymont begins.
4. Steady demand for office space in the Bruxelles Europe area combined with reduced availability of new office space has caused prices to rise steeply. The Commission was assisted by the Ministère des Travaux publiques in renegotiating certain leases so that it could put pressure on operators on the Brussels property market and hold down rents.
5. Leases will be taken on a number of new buildings in 1992 to meet the demand for additional space.
6. Plans for the construction of new buildings and the acquisition of others of strategic importance to the Commission are being negotiated with the Belgian state and private developers at the moment.
7. The ultimate goal remains the regrouping of all departments, priority still being given to the Bruxelles Europe area.
8. Plans for two crèches are still being negotiated.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

The Commission's departments in Luxembourg are now quartered in four buildings:

- The Jean Monnet building, which houses the largest number of departments.
- The "Cube" building, which is fully occupied by the Euratom Safeguards Directorate. This department has moved a small section of its staff into the extension to the BAK II building, the fourth occupied by the Commission.
- The "Wagner Centre" now housing Directorate-General XVIII (Credit and Investments), the radiation protection unit of DG XI, the Luxembourg sickness insurance claims office, the training and welfare service of Directorate-General IX and the "Computer Forum".
- The BAK II building (170 offices are sublet to the European Parliament), which is home to a number of sections of Euratom Safeguards Directorate and one SOEC Directorate which was forced out of the Jean Monnet building by lack of space.

The increase in staff numbers estimated by the Commission's Luxembourg departments raises the problem of accommodating further established officials in the short term. The buildings available to the Commission in Luxembourg have no spare capacity. The Commission has reported this fact to the Luxembourg authorities who are planning the construction of a new administrative block in the immediate vicinity of the buildings now occupied by the Commission.