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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

on the opening of a Representation Office



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Summary

This Communication informs the Council and the European Parliament of the intention of the Commission to open a Representation Office in the following capital:

Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

1. Introduction

After the Communications concerning the opening of new Delegations of June 1988, June 1989, September 1990, October 1991, September 1992, July 1994 and June 1995, a further examination of the Commission's external representation is necessary in the light of the evolution of the international situation and, in particular, following the peace agreement in Bosnia.

2. Delegations recently opened

In 1995 the Commission announced the opening of five new Delegations. Those in Riga (Latvia), Tallinn (Estonia), Vilnius (Lithuania) and Colombo (Sri Lanka) are open. The fifth, Managua (Nicaragua) will open in 1996.

3. New opening envisaged

Saraievo (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

The conclusion of the peace accords at Dayton last year and the participation of the European Community in the international efforts at reconstruction make it necessary that the Commission be formally present in Sarajevo. The Community is currently implementing, through PHARE, an aid programme of 62.5 MECU which is intended to renew in the second half of 1996. The Commission is also proposing a reconstruction programme of 100 MECU. Additionally, Bosnia-Herzegovina is a major recipient of humanitarian assistance through ECHO. This makes the EC the most important donor in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

At present, the Commission is represented by a Special Envoy.

The purpose of formally opening a Representation Office is to be able to negotiate with the host government an Establishment Agreement which would grant, inter alia, diplomatic protection under the Vienna Convention to its personnel and premises.

4. The necessary credits and posts will be provided from the 1996 budget.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - OPENING OF DELEGATIONS 1996 SARAJEVO

en	clature	Heading		Official 4.5 mths
Α	600	STAFF EXPENDITURE		
Α	6000	Salaries, all.& reimb. expenses, officials and temp. staff		145.000
Α	6001	Remuneration of other staff		120.000
A	6002	Expenses of other staff and payment for other services		45.000
Α	6003	Further training of officials		1.500
A	6004	Exps. & allowances - recruitment, transfer & termin, of service		130.000
Α	6005	Entertainment expenses		10.000
Α	6006	Mission expenses		10.000
Α	6007	Social and medical expenditure		2.000
Α	8008	Training of young experts		0
A	6009	Any adjustments to remuneration		12.000
			ARTICLE A 600 - TOTAL	475.500
Α	601	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE		
Α	6010	Rent and other charges on buildings		239.000
Α	6011	Construction and acquisition of buildings		0
Α	6012	Office furniture and equipment		100.000
·A	6013	Vehicles	•	60.000
Α	6014	Documentation and library expenditure		3.000
Α	6015	Stationery and office supplies		3.000
Α	6016	Other administrative expenditure		6.000
Α	6017	Furniture, fittings for residential accommodation		50.000
A,	6018	Postage, diplomatic bag, telecommunications	•	20.000
			ARTICLE ASOI - TOTAL	461.000
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DELEGATIONS = 1 DELEGATIONS = 1 4 officials (2A + 1B +1C) + 12 AL OPENING 1 DEL



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