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"BACCALAUREAT EUROPEEN" AGREEMENT SIGNED

A "Baccalauréat Européen" - a European secondary school leaving certificate - will be awarded to pupils at the European Coal and Steel Community's European School in Luxembourg, following an agreement signed here today by representatives of the Community's six member governments, led by M. Joseph Bech, Prime Minister of Luxembourg.

This certificate will be the first of its kind to cut across national educational frontiers. It will give to pupils in the school belonging to the six member countries a qualification equivalent in all respects to that given in their schools at home.

The European School in Luxembourg came into existence in 1953 to meet the needs of the children of officials working for the Community. It was granted full official recognition on April 12, 1957, when its Statute was signed by the six countries' representatives.

The school - which now has some 370 pupils of nine nationalities, divided into nursery, primary and secondary grandes - has a common curriculum for the different language sections. The school leaving exam will be run by an international jury presided over in turn by a university professor from each of the Community countries.