

**Treaty on European Union:
Designation of the Commission and reference to European Union**

Memorandum from Mr Delors,
in agreement with Mr Van Miert

Since the Treaty on European Union came into force on 1 November, the Commission needs to define its position on the following points:

1. Title of the Commission. The Union Treaty does not change the name of the Commission: it will continue to be called "Commission of the European Communities", as laid down in the Merger Treaty (Article 9). The Union Treaty changes the name of one of the Communities only: under the terms of Article G, the European Economic Community becomes the European Community. This being so,
 - the name "Commission of the European Communities" should be kept for all formal and legal Community communications; this is the only legally correct designation;
 - however, the Commission may decide to use the shortened form "European Commission" (or, if the context is clear, "Commission") in other, routine communications and on its headed notepaper.

The Commission is asked to decide accordingly.

2. European Union. The Council has decided to refer to itself as the "Council of the European Union". When the Presidency participates in international gatherings it will in future speak on behalf of "the European Union".

The Commission must also decide whether to use the expression "European Union" in certain circumstances, in addition to the name "European Commission".

The question arises above all in the context of the Commission's activities related to the second and third pillars (common foreign and security policy and cooperation in the fields of justice and home affairs) of the Union Treaty, as regards delegations in non-member countries, for instance. In order to point up the importance of the Treaty in these areas and to demonstrate that the Commission is fully associated with this work, delegations might be authorized to refer to themselves as follows:

"European Union
Commission Delegation in [Austria]".

The Commission is asked to take these decisions of principle and to authorize Mr Delors, in agreement with Mr Van Miert and Mr van den Broek, to give effect to them, on the understanding that this should be done in such a way as to avoid any waste of resources and stocks.