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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of the third quarter of 1981

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) states that "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 Council¹ in compliance with these provisions.

This report, the fourteenth, describes the situation at the end of September 1981.

I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

1. At the end of September 1981 a total of 7 551 officials and local staff (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	1 946
Language Service	987
Category B	1 392
Category C	2 502
Category D	424
Local staff	300
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¹Ref: SEC(68)3350 final, 25 October 1968;
 SEC(69)4897 final, 17 December 1969;
 SEC(70)3681 final, 27 October 1970;
 SEC(71)4684 final, 20 December 1971;
 SEC(72)4493 final, 4 January 1973;
 SEC(73)4390 final, 3 December 1973;
 SEC(74)4771 final, 9 December 1974;
 SEC(75)4070 final, 3 December 1975;
 COM(76)710 final, 6 January 1977;
 COM(77)714 final, 3 January 1978;
 COM(79)47 final, 12 February 1979;
 COM(79)790 final, 11 January 1980;
 COM(81)126 final, 26 April 1981.

2. These figures include a limited 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 64, from the following departments:

SOEC	21
Directorate-General for the Information Market and Innovation	14
Directorate-General for Personnel and Administrations:	
Computer Operations	8
Data-Processing Planning and Administration	11
Analysis and Programming	6
Systems Analysis Group	4
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NB: DG IX prior to reorganization of Directorate IX/F

II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

1. At the end of September 1981 a total of 2 002 officials and local staff (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	310
Language Service	278
Category B	548
Category C	608
Category D	99
Local staff	<u>161</u>
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2. The staff of the Directorate-General and other departments of the Commission located in Luxembourg was broken down as follows:

- (i) the Statistical Office: 283 officials (102 A, 102 B and 79 C); (1980: 274 officials) (Note: a further 21 officials - 10 A, 4 B and 7 C - are assigned to the Brussels branch office);
- (ii) the Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs: 64 officials (27 A, 20 B and 17 C) (1980: 63 officials);
- (iii) the Directorate-General for the Information Market and Innovation: 131 officials and local staff (48 A, 27 B, 51 C, 4 D and 1 member of local staff); (1980: 133);

- (iv) the Directorate-General for Credit and Investments: 76 officials and local staff (29 A, 28 B, 17 C and 2 local staff) (1980: 75 officials);
- (v) the Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-F) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 155 officials (35 A, 82 B and 38 C) (1980: 154 officials);
- (vi) the Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 officials (1 A, 1 C) (1980: 3 officials);
- (vii) the Luxembourg Information Office (Directorate-General for Information): 4 officials (1 A, 2 B and 1 C) (1980: 5 officials);
- (viii) administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 937 officials and local staff (45 A, 282 LA, 131 D, 288 C, 78 D and 113 local staff - apart from the staff paid out of the social service appropriations) (1980: 892 officials).

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 duties with bodies based there. A total of 25 officials are posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	7
Legal Service	2
Security Office	4
Directorate-General for Budgets	3
Directorate-General for Financial Control	8
Directorate-General for Development	1
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These figures are included in the table at II.1.

4. Pursuant to the decision taken in June 1978 to move all Brussels-based production units back to Luxembourg within two years, the number of staff from the Statistical Office serving in Brussels has remained at 21.

5. An Official Publications Office of the European Communities was established pursuant to Article 8 of the Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States. 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.

The Office's staff is currently made up as follows:

Category A	14
Category B	149
Category C	104
Category D	17
Local Staff	51
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These figures are also included in the table at II.1.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

Having considered the accommodation situation over the last five years and the short and medium-term prospects (communication from the Commission to the budgetary authorities, CCM(80)544 final), the Budget Committee of the Council has recommended that the Permanent Representatives Committee approve the direct purchase through the Community Budget of the planned extension to 120, rue de la Loi. The Council conveyed its agreement in principle by letter dated 16 December 1981. The project was included in the medium-term accommodation plan prepared by the Commission and the Council in 1976.

Construction work by the private sector on two other buildings - the Triangle (JCL extension) and the Albert Borschette Conference Centre - has been completed outside and ahead of the plan. The Commission departments concerned followed the different stages of the work closely, and it was completed according to schedule. As intended, the lease on the conference rooms in the Manhattan Centre has not been renewed.

The space which has become available with these new buildings is unlikely to meet the Commission's needs in Brussels, since it has been found in the meantime that:

- (i) the JCL complex requires renovation and this work is likely to make a large area of office space, at least as much as that in the Triangle, unavailable for at least two years;
- (ii) the floors are sinking in Archimède 5; the problem is being studied closely by the relevant departments of the Commission to find out what decisions will have to be taken and what will be the likely consequences for the Commission's short-term accommodation plans in Brussels.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

In Luxembourg, all the different departments of the Commission (except for central computer services) were finally brought together into a single, purpose-built block (Jean Monnet) in April 1981. The offices used by Members of the Commission when they are in Luxembourg will continue to be rented in the European Centre, close to the Council rooms and the Parliament chamber.

The Official Publications Office occupies the general-purpose building put up for it near the P&T and the station. The addition of a seventh official language has meant that some departments have had to be moved from there to other office buildings in the area of the station. During 1981 an institutional investor based in Luxembourg started work on a project for extending the technical and administrative area of the Publications Office, which will take account of the Office's various storage, dispatching and data-processing needs.

Lastly, as stated 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.