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COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON  
THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS  
IN BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG

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Situation at the end of the third quarter of 1975

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 Council<sup>1</sup> in compliance with these provisions.

This report, the eighth, describes the situation at the end of September 1975.

#### I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

At the end of September 1975, a total of 6 376 officials and local staff (administrative and research expenditure) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

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<sup>1</sup>Ref: Doc. SEC(68)3350 final of 25 October 1968.  
Doc. SEC(69)4897 final of 17 December 1969.  
Doc. SEC(70)3681 final of 27 October 1970.  
Doc. SEC(71)4684 final of 20 December 1971.  
Doc. SEC(72)4493 final of 4 January 1973.  
Doc. SEC(73)4390 final of 3 December 1973.  
Doc. SEC(74)4771 final of 9 December 1974.

Category A	1 752
Language Service	859
Category B	1 071
Category C	2 106
Category D	306
Local staff	282
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## II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

At the end of September 1975, a total of 1 709 officials and local staff (administrative and research expenditure) were permanently assigned to the various Commission departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	285
Language Service	261
Category B	390
Category C	573
Category D	75
Local staff	125
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## III. COMMISSION DEPARTMENTS LOCATED IN LUXEMBOURG

The staff of the Directorates-General and departments of the Commission located in Luxembourg was broken down as follows:

1. Statistical Office: 235 officials (92 A, 76 B and 67 C); (1974: 236 officials); (Note: a further 28 officials - 14 A, 8 B and 6 C - are assigned to the Brussels branch office).
2. The Directorate for Health Protection (Directorate V - F) and the Directorate for Industrial Safety and Medicine (Directorate V - G) of the Directorate-General for Social Affairs: 71 officials (29 A, 16 B and 26 C); (1974: 72 officials).

3. The Directorate-General for Scientific and Technical Information and Information Management: 125 officials (44 A, 21 B, 56 C and 4 D); (1974: 128 officials).
4. The Directorate-General for Credit and Investments: 72 officials (29 A, 22 B and 21 C); (1974: 72 officials).
5. The Directorate for Euratom Safeguards: 113 officials (28 A, 56 B and 29 C); (1974: 113 officials).
6. Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 officials (1 A and 1 C); (1974: 3 officials).
7. Information Office, Luxembourg (Directorate-General for Information): 4 officials (1 A, 1 B and 2 C); (1974: 3 officials).
8. Administrative departments attached to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 815 officials and local staff (39 A, 261 LA, 97 B, 277 C, 63 D and 78 local staff (apart from the staff paid out of the social service appropriations); (1974: 660 officials and local staff).

It should be noted that:

- (a) The Computer Centre, except for the branch office at the Brussels Terminal (1 B and 7 C), serves the departments located in Luxembourg and those located in Brussels;
- (b) The Medium- and long-term Translation Service, attached to the Official Publications Office under the provisions of Article 8 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, was set up on the basis of an agreement between the Commission and the Office defining the translation capacity needed to handle all translation work requested by the Office on its own behalf or on behalf of the Community institutions.

The number of translators to be made available to the Office is therefore determined on the basis of this agreement which means that the staff of the Commission's Medium- and long-term Translation Service in Luxembourg is kept under constant review. At the time of the merger the translation service in Luxembourg consisted of 68 Language Service staff; its staff has gradually increased since then to 261 today.

9. A number of departments located in Brussels have assigned some of their staff to Luxembourg to improve contacts with the departments located there or to take up duties with bodies based there. A total of 27 officials are posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	7	(Secretariat of the ECSC Consultative Committee)
Legal Service	5	
Security Office	3	
Directorate-General for Budgets	3	
Directorate-General for Financial Control	7	
Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation	2	

#### IV. PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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 European institutions and bodies on 16 January 1969, the Publications Office is directed by a Management Committee consisting of representatives of the five institutions and bodies.

The Office was given 17 additional posts for the financial year 1975 ( 10 B, 4 C and 3 D).

This means that its staff (officials and local staff) is now as follows:

Category A	13
Category B	96
Category C	81
Category D	8
Local staff	47
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V. OFFICE AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION IN LUXEMBOURG

As indicated in the report on the situation at the end of the third quarter of 1974, efforts made by the Luxembourg authorities will ensure that most Commission departments are housed in ideal conditions.

The Computer Centre has already been accommodated in a new tailor-made building and work on the construction of the new administrative complex to house all the other Commission departments in Luxembourg is now under way and progressing so rapidly that some departments will be able to move to part of this complex by December 1975. The builder has indicated - and it seems likely that the forecast will prove correct - that a second section will be available for the beginning of March 1976 and the remainder completed by 1 July.

In 1975 the Commission had to rent two additional buildings to accommodate its enlarged departments. Until December 1975, it will therefore be occupying 17 buildings in the city (including 14 office buildings).

The Publications Office has been in its new building for almost two years.

Since 1 September 1973 the Secretariat of the European Parliament has been housed in the Robert Schuman administrative building on the Kirchberg. When the Commission vacates the tower block in mid-1976, the Secretariat of the Parliament will be able to take over the whole building.

The Court has also been in its new building for some years. By mid-1976, therefore, the departments of all three Community institutions in Luxembourg will be housed in purpose-built accommodation providing good working conditions.

The European Investment Bank will be able to move into a new building towards the end of 1978, so that by this date the entire Community administration in Luxembourg will be brought together on the Kirchberg.

In addition to the administrative buildings for the various institutions, recently built accommodation has also been provided on the Kirchberg for the primary and secondary sections of the European School. The Luxembourg authorities are to be congratulated on their efforts to provide suitable accommodation for the Community institutions.

#### VI. OFFICE AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION IN BRUSSELS

The Commission has not rented any new buildings in 1975, since the two adjoining buildings at 84 and 86 rue de la Loi, which it was decided to rent in July 1974, have been sufficient to absorb the increase in staff.

It has therefore been possible to vacate the building at 4, rue Saint-Jean and to rehouse the Danish Translation Division in the JE/C/L building with the other Translation Divisions, with the exception of the English Division, which, for the time being, must remain in the building in the Avenue de l'Astronomie.

The Commission has received several plans for conference centres in reply to its notice in the Official Journal. These proposals have been sent to an international group of outside experts who have reported on the compatibility of the proposed sites and buildings with the requirements of environmental and town planning regulations, the aesthetic aspects of the plans and the possibility of adapting them to the Commission's specific needs (both functional and technical), and the advantages and disadvantages of the sites chosen and the likely costs. An internal working party has been asked to study the experts' report and to make proposals to the Commission on the action to be taken.

Finally, since the overall plan for accommodating the Community institutions in Brussels has not been finalized, the Commission intends to draw up a short- and medium-term programme of its building requirements. Such a programme would enable the Commission to group together more rationally the departments which are at present dispersed.