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In the evolution of the External Service, a number of matters have arisen which require a decision of the Commission:

1. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The representation of the Commission in Sarajevo was given the name of Representation Office to reflect the uncertainty of the situation when it was created. Given that the Dayton accords have worked well so far and in view of the reinforcements which have taken place, as well as the broadening of tasks under deconcentration, it is now appropriate to give it the name of Delegation. This change of name involves no other modification to the role or status of the Commission's mission.

The Commission is also represented in Mostar and Banja Luka as sub-offices of the Sarajevo Representation Office. Both Mostar and Banja Luka will be made Places of Employment to enable the provisions of Annex X of the Staff regulations to be applied specifically to those locations.

2. CROATIA AND FYROM

At present, the Commission is represented in Croatia by a Special Envoy and in FYROM by a Resident Envoy. The importance of the relations with both countries makes it desirable to put the Commission's representations in them on the same footing as those in other third countries. Both representations will be given the name of Delegation.

3. INDONESIA

Political considerations led the Commission to call its mission to Indonesia at the time of its opening a Representation. Positive recent developments concerning namely, the status of East Timor and progress towards democracy have changed the situation with respect to the relations with that country. This is reflected in the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 15/11/99 where the Council calls for further progress and closer ties and welcomes the Commission's intention to present a Communication on EU-Indonesia relations. As a first sign of support for these changes, the Representation in Indonesia will be given the name of Delegation.

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During the course of next year the Commission intends to communicate to the Council and the Parliament a far ranging review of the Commission's External Service.