

General Secretariat

PRESS RELEASE

The Secretary General of the Councils, Mr. Christian CALMES, received Mr. Maurice ULRICH, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the European Communities, at the latter's request. Mr. ULRICH informed him that Mr. Jean-Marc BOEGNER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the European Communities, had been recalled to Paris, and asked that this information should be transmitted to the members of the Council. Mr. ULRICH assumes responsibility for the Permanent Representation.

Mr. ULRICH stated, in the name of the French Government, that for the time being the French delegation would not take part in meetings of the E.E.C. Council. In addition, the French Government has also requested the cancellation of the meeting of the Council of the European Coal and Steel Community arranged for 13 July next.

Since the French Government is not to take part in meetings of the Council it will also refrain from participating in the meetings of the Permanent Representatives Committee, the task of which is to prepare the Council meetings.

France will not send observers to attend negotiations which the Commission is undertaking on the Council's mandate.

The French delegation will not take part in the work of committees and working parties preparing drafts or carrying out studies for the purpose of achieving economic union, e.g. the Medium Term Political Committee and the working party on harmonisation of taxation.

As regards the technical committees dealing with current matters, such as the Management Committees and the Boards of the various Funds, the French Government's position will be communicated to the Secretary General at a later date.

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