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**JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
TO INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS**

On Tuesday 16 June 1987, at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg, Marcelino Oreja, Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Jacques Delors, President of the Commission of the European Communities, exchanged letters intended to foster closer cooperation between the two institutions. Both signatories are convinced that European solidarity will be strengthened by the consolidation and intensification of cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Community.

The arrangements which have just been concluded are intended to promote the participation of the European Community, represented by the Commission, in the activities of the Council of Europe and in the conventions and agreements drawn up under its aegis. They include provision for the regular exchange of information, the participation of senior officials from both organizations in each other's work and more systematic consultation in fields of mutual interest. For example, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe will hold consultations with the Commission with a view to coordinating joint activities.

These new arrangements, which, from now on, will govern relations between the Council of Europe and the Commission of the European Communities reflect the developments on this front since 18 August 1959, the date of the previous exchange of letters, now replaced by the one which has just taken place between Mr Oreja and Mr Delors.

