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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION  
TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**on the opening of new Delegations**



## Summary

This communication informs the Council and the European Parliament of the intention of the Commission to open Delegations during 1995 in the following capitals:

Riga (Latvia)  
Tallinn (Estonia)  
Vilnius (Lithuania)  
Managua (Nicaragua)  
Colombo (Sri Lanka)

The credits necessary for some of the openings in 1995 are available in the 1995 budget but need to be transferred from the reserve.

The necessary personnel will be made available, on the one hand, by redeploying existing posts or, on the other hand, by the use of new posts envisaged in the 1995 budget, which need to be transferred from the reserve.

### 1.0. Introduction

After the Communications to the Council concerning the opening of new Delegations of June 1988, June 1989, September 1990, October 1991, September 1992 and July 1994, a further reflection on the Commission's external representation is necessary in the light of the evolving international political and economic situation.

The accession of three new Member States means that the Delegations in Sweden, Finland and Austria will cease their pre-accession functions, although a Delegation will remain in Vienna to handle relations with the various international organisations in that city. It is recalled that the Head of Delegation in Sweden was also accredited to the three Baltic Republics - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. It is therefore necessary to make alternative arrangements for the Commission's representation to these three countries.

The condition of the budgetary authority to see the Commission "take an initiative to open new Delegations" in Sri Lanka and Nicaragua is met by the decision to open Delegations in Colombo and Managua.

## 2.0. Delegations to be opened in 1995

### 2.1. Openings already announced

In its Communication SEC(94)1023 of 13 July 1994 the Commission announced the opening of six new Delegations in the period 1994/95:

Hanoi (Vietnam)  
Tbilissi (Georgia)  
Almaty (Kazakhstan)  
Asmara (Erithrea)  
Bratislava (Slovakia)  
La Paz (Bolivia)

Of the six Delegations, two (Tbilissi and Almaty) are already in existence. Of the remaining four, two (Asmara and Bratislava) are in the process of being opened. The other two (La Paz and Hanoi) will be opened if sufficient posts and credits are available.

### 2.2 New openings envisaged

Riga (Latvia)  
Tallinn (Estonia)  
Vilnius (Lithuania)

Hitherto the Commission's relations with the three Baltic States have been handled from the Delegation in Stockholm. With the accession of Sweden, this Delegation has ceased to exist. Other arrangements are necessary. The PHARE programme has created a substantial volume of activity in these countries: Estonia 22.5 Mecus in 1994, estimated 24 Mecus in 1995, Latvia 26.5 Mecus in 1994, estimated 30 Mecus in 1995, Lithuania 39 Mecus in 1994, estimated 43 Mecus in 1995. In the three countries are some 80 foreign experts working on the projects. At the same time, negotiations on European Agreements with all three republics are in progress. All three have strongly made known their wish not to have their relations with the Commission handled via a Delegation in a third country. It is therefore intended to open a Delegation in each of the three States.

Managua  
(Nicaragua)

This country is currently handled from Costa Rica which covers all the Central American countries. With current projects worth over 600 MECUs in Central America, a degree of decentralisation of the Commission's representation is necessary. Apart from its role in the regional programme, Nicaragua currently has projects worth nearly 90 MECUs.

Colombo  
(Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka is currently handled by the Commission's Delegation in Delhi. Politically this is not an ideal situation. The size of the present cooperation programme (nearly 50 MECUs committed) and the distance from Delhi to Colombo (approx. 2.500 Km) makes a permanent presence in Sri Lanka highly desirable.

- 2.3. To effect the openings set out in 2.1 and 2.2 above it will be necessary to ask the budgetary authority to transfer the 12 posts and the accompanying credits from the reserve to the 1995 budget.

**TABLEAU**  
**Financial Sheet opening of Delegations in Baltic States**

<b>NOMEN.</b>	<b>Heading</b>	<b>Exceptional costs</b>	<b>Official 6 months</b>	<b>Total 1995</b>	<b>Cost 1996</b>
<b>A 600</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF PERSONNEL</b>				
A 6000	Salaries, allow., & reminb. of exp. for officials & AL.		763.000	763.000	1.526.000
A 6001	Remuneration of other staff		151.200	151.200	450.000
A 6002	Other staff expenses & payment of other services		21.000	21.000	60.000
A 6003	Further training of officials		6.000	6.000	10.000
A 6004	Allow. & exp. on entering/leaving service & transfer	542.500	0	542.500	0
A 6005	Entertainment and representation expenses		30.000	30.000	60.000
A 6006	Mission expenses		36.000	36.000	72.000
A 6007	Social and medical expenses		15.000	15.000	20.000
A 6008	Young experts in training and nat. ofs. on detachment		0	0	0
A 6009	Provisional appropriation		17.000	17.000	13.000
	<b>TOTAL OF ARTICLE A 600</b>	<b>542.500</b>	<b>1.039.200</b>	<b>1.581.700</b>	<b>2.211.000</b>
<b>A 601</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>				
A 6010	Rent and other charges on buildings		723.000	723.000	1.446.000
A 6011	Construction and acquisition of buildings		0	0	0
A 6012	Office furniture and equipment	180.000	15.000	195.000	40.000
A 6013	Vehicles	150.000	30.000	180.000	40.000
A 6014	Documentation and library expenditure		9.000	9.000	15.000
A 6015	Stationery and office supplies		12.000	12.000	28.000
A 6016	Other administrative expenditure		21.000	21.000	40.000
A 6017	Furniture and fittings for residential accommodation	140.000	10.000	160.000	30.000
A 6018	Postage and telecommunications		60.000	60.000	120.000
	<b>TOTAL OF ARTICLE A 601</b>	<b>470.000</b>	<b>880.000</b>	<b>1.350.000</b>	<b>1.759.000</b>
	<b>TOTAL A 600 + A 601</b>	<b>1.012.500</b>	<b>1.919.200</b>	<b>2.931.700</b>	<b>3.970.000</b>

3 Delegations: 6A, 3B, 3C in total.

**TABLEAU**  
**Financial Sheet Nicaragua and Sri Lanka**

<b>NOMEN.</b>	<b>Heading</b>	<b>Exceptional costs</b>	<b>Official 6 months</b>	<b>Total 1995</b>	<b>Cost 1996</b>
<b>A 600</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF PERSONNEL</b>				
A 6000	Salaries, allow., & reminb. of exp. for officials & AL.		254.000	254.000	508.000
A 6001	Remuneration of other staff		110.000	110.000	220.000
A 6002	Other staff expenses & payment of other services		16.500	16.500	33.000
A 6003	Further training of officials		5.000	5.000	10.000
A 6004	Allow. & exp. on entering/leaving service & transfer	180.000	90.000	270.000	0
A 6005	Entertainment and representation expenses		7.500	7.500	15.000
A 6006	Mission expenses		25.000	25.000	50.000
A 6007	Social and medical expenses		10.000	10.000	4.000
A 6008	Young experts in training and nat. offs. on detachment		0	0	0
A 6009	Provisional appropriation		5.000	5.000	10.000
	<b>TOTAL OF ARTICLE A 600</b>	<b>180.000</b>	<b>523.000</b>	<b>703.000</b>	<b>850.000</b>
<b>A 601</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>				
A 6010	Rent and other charges on buildings		400.000	400.000	800.000
A 6011	Construction and acquisition of buildings		0	0	0
A 6012	Office furniture and equipment	15.000	100.000	115.000	20.000
A 6013	Vehicles	30.000	8.000	38.000	15.000
A 6014	Documentation and library expenditure		5.000	5.000	12.000
A 6015	Stationery and office supplies		10.000	10.000	20.000
A 6016	Other administrative expenditure		14.000	14.000	10.000
A 6017	Furniture and fittings for residential accommodation	130.000	15.000	145.000	15.000
A 6018	Postage and telecommunications		50.000	50.000	100.000
	<b>TOTAL OF ARTICLE A 601</b>	<b>175.000</b>	<b>502.000</b>	<b>777.000</b>	<b>992.000</b>
	<b>TOTAL A 600 + A 601</b>	<b>355.000</b>	<b>1.125.000</b>	<b>1.480.000</b>	<b>1.842.000</b>

2 posts in Nicaragua

2 posts in Sri Lanka of which 1 is a redeployment

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