

Notice to staff on the accommodation of the EPC Secretariat in the Charlemagne Building (Brussels, 4 June 1986)

Caption: On 4 June 1986, the General Secretariat of the Council notifies its staff of the accommodation, from 1 January 1987, of the Secretariat for European Political Cooperation (EPC) in the Charlemagne Building as an autonomous body separate from the General Secretariat of the Council.

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Notice to staff of the General Secretariat of the Council (4 June 1986)
Subject: Installing the Secretariat for Political Cooperation in the Charlemagne Building

As of 1 January 1987, the Secretariat for European Political Cooperation, which is to be established under the Single European Act, will, in principle, be accommodated on the 13th floor of the Charlemagne Building.

The Secretariat will be an autonomous body, separate from the General Secretariat of the Council, and will have its own staff, internal organisation and responsibilities.

Continuing with the current 'Troika' experiment, the Secretariat will be made up of five foreign Ministry officials, seconded from the Presidency-in-Office, the two Presidencies which preceded it and the two subsequent Presidencies, each for a total period of two-and-a-half years. Administrative and technical staff will also be provided by national governments.

It has been agreed that the Secretariat for Political Cooperation will have access to some of the services that the General Secretariat of the Council provides. As in the past, this includes, in particular, translation services and the reproduction of documents for the meetings of the Ministers.

It has long been considered desirable to combine Political Cooperation and Community activities proper, and this has now been achieved under the Single European Act.

Accommodation of the Secretariat for Political Cooperation in the Charlemagne Building will offer a number of practical advantages, including a further method of ensuring that ministerial activities are better prepared and coordinated.

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