

Letter from Renaat van Elslande to Christian Calmes (Brussels, 4^oMay 1973)

Caption: In a letter dated 4 May 1973, Renaat Elslande, Belgian Foreign Minister and President-in-Office of the Council, notes the letter of resignation received from Christian Calmes, Secretary-General of the Council, and expresses his gratitude for Mr Calmes' contribution to the European cause over so many years.

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COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
The President

Brussels, 4. V. 1973

Mr Christian CALMES
Secretary-General of the Council
of the European Communities
Rue de la Loi, 170
1040 — BRUSSELS

Dear Secretary-General and Dear Friend,

On 5 April, you addressed to me, as President of the Council, a letter in which you informed me of your intention to resign in application of Article 3 of Council Regulation No 2530/72.

I take note of this important communication, and I intend to personally inform my colleagues of this at our next Council meeting on 14 and 15 May, so that a decision might be reached, in any event, prior to 30 June 1973.

Although I am not, at this stage, in a position to rule on the substance of your request, I would nevertheless wish to take this opportunity to express my considerable appreciation of your many qualities, and the vast experience that you have demonstrated in conducting your delicate mission as Secretary-General of the Council.

Since the first meeting of the Special Council of Ministers of the European Coal and Steel Community on 8 and 9 December 1952, you have taken an active part in the ongoing design of Europe, to which you have made a major contribution by providing the General Secretariat of the Council with a remarkable level of effectiveness and commitment.

On my own behalf and also on that of my colleagues, I would like to express our profound gratitude for the leading role that you have played over so many years and for the skilful and untiring efforts that you have made in the service of the European cause.

Yours sincerely,

R. Van Elslande