

# Note to the press on the first meeting of the EEC and EAEC Councils (Brussels, 25 January 1958)


**Caption:** Note to the press on the first meeting of the Councils of the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom), held in Brussels on 25 January 1958.

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## Press statement (Brussels, 25 January 1958)

The Councils of Ministers of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community held their first meeting in Brussels on 25 January 1958 under the presidency of Mr Larock, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs; this meeting, held in the presence of the Commissions of both Communities, was attended by the Ministers for Foreign and Economic Affairs and by the President and the Members of the High Authority of the ECSC and the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors (see the annex for a list of Ministers and ministerial officials, Presidents and Members of the Commissions, the High Authority and the Secretariat).

At this meeting, the Councils first approved the Report submitted to them by Baron Snoy et d'Oppuers, President of the Interim Committee, on the work of the Committee to carry out the mandate conferred upon it by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs at their Conference in Rome on 25 March 1957.

Under this mandate, the Committee had a number of tasks, some relating to the coordination of the negotiations under way within various international organisations, and others relating to preparations for certain of the missions conferred upon the Institutions by the Treaty.

Various groups of experts have helped the Committee to carry out its mandate.

The work of the Interim Committee has, in particular, included:

— establishing a common attitude among the Six for the purposes of the negotiations to create a free trade area and the negotiations within the GATT.

In the case of these latter negotiations, it should be borne in mind that the Interim Committee had asked its President, acting in conjunction with the delegations of the Six to the GATT, to act as coordinator, following the Committee's guidelines, for these negotiations;

— drawing up a draft Statute of the Monetary Committee as provided for by Article 105 of the Treaty;

— drafting a common customs nomenclature and calculating the rates of the common customs tariff;

— drawing up an additional protocol to the European Convention on social security for migrant workers, which protocol was signed on 9 December 1957 in Rome at the same time as the Convention;

— coordinating the approach taken by the Six within the various international organisations and conferences (Economic Commission for Latin America, United Nations, Economic Commissions for Europe);

— various Euratom issues (research programme, safety rules, work of the Study Syndicate on isotope separation);

— drawing up the Statutes of the Procurement Agency;

— coordinating the approach taken by the Six in the atomic negotiations at the OEEC;

— finalising the protocols on the privileges and immunities and on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the two Communities, which protocols were signed in Brussels on 17 April 1957 and are annexed to the Rome Treaties;

— adopting the Resolution signed on 18 June 1957 concerning the appointment of the representatives of the Member States to the Assembly of the European Communities.

The Councils then went on to examine the question of drawing up their rules of procedure as prescribed by Article 151(1) of the EEC Treaty and Article 121(1) of the EAEC Treaty, and agreed to give the permanent

representatives of the Governments, assisted by a representative from each of the Commissions, the task of drawing up draft provisional rules of procedure to be submitted for approval by the Councils at one of their forthcoming meetings.

The Councils also decided that their Secretariat would continue to be provided by the Secretariat of the Interim Committee, directed by Mr Christian Calmes, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Coal and Steel Community.

As regards the question of the advances needed to cover the initial expenditure of the Communities, the Council decided that the Governments would pay an initial advance to cover the operation of the Institutions for three months.

At the end of these three months, the Commissions will be in a position to submit detailed proposals to the Councils for the remainder of the financial year.

Moreover, the Councils, examining the question of the procedure to be followed for the establishment of the Economic and Social Committee as provided for by Article 193 of the EEC Treaty and by Article 165 of the EAEC Treaty respectively, agreed to ask a working group, made up of representatives of the Member States and of the two Commissions, to examine, on the basis of the exchange of views at the present meeting, the question of the composition of the committee in order to ensure balanced representation of all sectors of economic and social life of the Member States of the Communities.

As regards the common approach to be taken by the six countries in the European Nuclear Energy Agency, it was decided that the representatives of the six Governments and of the Commission would meet regularly to coordinate their action within the European Nuclear Energy Agency.

The Council lastly examined the issue of the participation of the Common Market Commission in the work to create a free trade area. It was recalled that participation by the European Economic Community in the Committee had already been planned when the OEEC Intergovernmental Committee was being set up.

As the Commission, as guardian of the Treaty and agent for common action by the Six, is now in place, the Council has decided that it should therefore play an active part in all work by the Six in this area. The Governments will attach extreme importance to these views and will work with the Commission to pursue the negotiations under way.

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The Council of the EEC and the Council of the EAEC will hold their next meeting on 25 February 1958.

## **Annex**

### **Belgian Delegation**

Mr V. Larock Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr H. Liebaert Minister for Finance  
Mr H. Fayat Minister for Foreign Trade  
Baron J.-C. Snoy et d'Oppuers Permanent Representative  
Secretary-General of the Ministry of Economic Affairs  
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Mr L. Scheyven Secretary-General  
Mr J. Delvaux de Fenffe Director-General for Policy  
Mr P.A. Forthomme Administrator/Director-General of Foreign Trade  
Mr R. Rothschild Ambassador

Mr M. Wery Head of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Grandry Head of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Trade  
Mr Wendelen Counsellor,  
Deputy Permanent Representative  
Mr Watteuw First Secretary  
Mr H. Vander Eycken Secretary of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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Mr van der Meulen Director-General  
Mr van Tichelen Director-General  
Mr Pourvoyeur Counsellor  
Ministry of the Colonies

Mr Masure Director  
Mr Lefebvre Secretary of Administration  
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Blero Director-General  
Mr Mostin Director  
Ministry of Finance

Mr Legrand Head of the Office of the Minister for Finance  
Mr Mabille Deputy Head of the Office of the Minister for Finance  
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#### **German Delegation**

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Dr Frans Etzel Federal Minister for Finance  
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Mr Reichardt  
Mr Homann Ministerial Counsellor (Press)  
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### **French Delegation**

Mr Christian Pineau   Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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State Secretary for Foreign Affairs  
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Mr Jean Mille   Embassy Counsellor  
Mr Manach   Embassy Counsellor  
Mr Renou   Atomic Energy Commissariat  
Mr Jean François Poncet   Embassy Secretary  
Mr de la Genière   Inspector of Finance

### **Italian Delegation**

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Director-General of Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr Antonio Venturini Italian Ambassador to Luxembourg  
Mr Francesco Cavaletti   Minister,  
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Mr Pierre Werner      Minister for Finance  
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Mr Paul Reuter      Legation Secretary  
Mr Albert Duhr      Legation Secretary

**Dutch Delegation**

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