

DECISION TAKEN BY COMMON AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES
ON THE LOCATION OF THE SEATS OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND
OF CERTAIN BODIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States,

Having regard to Article 216 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, Article 77 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and Article 189 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Recalling the Decision of 8 April 1965, and without prejudice to the provisions contained therein concerning the seat of future institutions, bodies and departments,

Hereby decide:

Article 1

- (a) The European Parliament shall have its seat in Strasbourg where the twelve periods of monthly plenary sessions, including the budget session, shall be held. The periods of additional plenary sessions shall be held in Brussels. The Committees of the European Parliament shall meet in Brussels. The General Secretariat of the European Parliament and its departments shall remain in Luxembourg.
- (b) The Council shall have its seat in Brussels. During the months of April, June and October, the Council shall hold its meetings in Luxembourg.
- (c) The Commission shall have its seat in Brussels. The departments listed in Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Decision of 8 April 1965

shall be established in Luxembourg.

- (d) The Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance shall have their seats in Luxembourg.
- (e) The Economic and Social Committee shall have its seat in Brussels.
- (f) The Court of Auditors shall have its seat in Luxembourg.
- (g) The European Investment Bank shall have its seat in Luxembourg.

Article 2

The seat of other bodies and departments set up or to be set up will be decided by common agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States at a forthcoming European Council, taking account of the advantages of the above provisions to the Member States concerned, and giving appropriate priority to Member States who do not at present provide the sites for Community institutions.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force as of today.