

Statement of the Commission on the resignation of the Commission (17 March 1999)

Caption: Commission statement following the resignation of its Members.

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Brussels, 17 March 1999

We have resigned and have no desire or intention of remaining in office a moment longer than we have to.

The Treaty, however, requires us to remain in office until a new Commission is in place. We accordingly urge the Member States to appoint, according to the procedures of the Treaty, a new Commission without delay.

Under the Treaty the powers of the Commission in the current circumstances are not limited.

We have, nonetheless, decided to exercise our powers in a restrictive manner, i.e. to deal with current and urgent business, and to comply with our institutional and legal obligations, but not to take fresh political initiatives.