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After a lengthy period of reflection — the Treaty was signed more than one year ago — the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies this afternoon approved the Treaty merging the European executive bodies. I hardly need remind you of the objective of this Treaty: to replace the ECSC High Authority and the EEC and Euratom Commissions with a single Commission which, during a transitional period, will comprise 14 members, that number being reduced to 9 within three years. As a political consequence of this reform, we expect a larger concentration of powers to fall within the remit of the single Commission, greater efficiency in the actions of that Commission, as well as the opportunity to coordinate a certain number of related policies, responsibility for which is currently shared among the three Communities. For you to understand the importance of this task of coordination, I need only remind you of the fact that, to date, it has been genuinely impossible to formulate an energy policy. I emphasise that the three Communities and the three Treaties will continue to exist. However, a single Commission will apply the provisions laid down by the three Treaties.