

Letter from the Luxembourg mining authorities to Pierre Dupong (2 June 1950)

Caption: On 2 June 1950, with an eye to future negotiations on the Schuman Plan in Paris, the Luxembourg iron mine managers address a letter to Pierre Dupong, Head of the Luxembourg government, in order that experts from the mining sector should become an intrinsic part of the national delegation.

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Mr Pierre Dupong
Minister of State
Prime Minister
Luxembourg

Dear Sir,

The Schuman Plan negotiations will certainly give rise to discussions about issues which are of the greatest concern and interest to the Luxembourg mining industry.

At stake, in fact, will be the continuation of ore supplies to Germany — which has always been our best customer.

We therefore consider it vital for our negotiators to be supported, on technical matters, by professionals, in particular by mine owners in the calcareous basin who, as such, have a strong interest in this matter and in-depth knowledge of the issue of our supplies to Germany.

It is essential for the interested parties to cooperate, since, given the complexity and intricacies of the question, they alone are in a position properly to appreciate the interests at stake.

We hope that you will follow up our suggestion, which is made on our behalf as on that of the other mine owners.

We are sending a copy of this letter, for information, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Economic Affairs.

Yours faithfully,