

Conclusions of the Brussels European Council: extract concerning the place of the applicant countries in the institutions and bodies (10 and 11 December 1993)

Caption: At the end of the Brussels European Council, held on 10 and 11 December 1993, the Twelve adopt a series of Decisions relating, in particular, to the number of representatives allocated to Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden in the institutions and bodies of the European Union.

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Brussels European Council (10 and 11 December 1993) Presidency Conclusions

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Annexe III

The place of the applicant countries in the institutions and bodies

1. The Commission

Number of members

- Belgium : 1
- Luxembourg : 1
- Denmark : 1
- Netherlands : 1
- Germany : 2
- Norway : 1
- Greece : 1
- Austria : 1
- Spain : 2
- Portugal : 1
- France : 2
- Finland : 1
- Ireland : 1
- Sweden : 1
- Italy : 2
- United Kingdom : 2

TOTAL : 21

2. The European Parliament

Number of members

- Belgium : 25
- Luxembourg : 6
- Denmark : 16
- Netherlands : 31
- Germany : 99
- Norway : 15
- Greece : 25
- Austria : 20
- Spain : 64
- Portugal : 25
- France : 87
- Finland : 16
- Ireland : 15
- Sweden : 21
- Italy : 87
- United Kingdom : 87

TOTAL : 639

3. Court of Justice

- Each Member State will propose one Judge for appointment.- In addition, should an even number of States accede, Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom will take part in a system involving the rotation of an additional Judge ⁽²⁾,

- Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom will each propose one Advocate General for appointment,

- the other Member States will take part in a system involving the rotation of three Advocates General.

4. The Court of First Instance

Each Member State will propose one member for appointment.

5. The Court of Auditors

Each Member State will propose one member for appointment.

6. The Economic and Social Committee

Number of Members

- Belgium : 12
- Luxembourg : 6
- Denmark : 9
- Netherlands : 12
- Germany : 24
- Norway : 9
- Greece : 12
- Austria : 11
- Spain : 21
- Portugal : 12
- France : 24
- Finland : 9
- Ireland : 9
- Sweden : 11
- Italy : 24
- United Kingdom : 24

TOTAL : 229

7. The Committee of the Regions

Number of Members

- Belgium : 12
- Luxembourg : 6
- Denmark : 9
- Netherlands : 12
- Germany : 24
- Norway : 9
- Greece : 12
- Austria : 11

- Spain : 21
- Portugal : 12
- France : 24
- Finland : 9
- Ireland : 9
- Sweden : 11
- Italy : 24
- United Kingdom : 24

TOTAL : 229

8. The Council

(a) Rotation of the Presidency

(i) Article 146 of the Treaty will be amended as follows:

"The Council shall consist of a representative of each Member State at ministerial level, authorized to commit the Government of that Member State.

The office of President shall be held in turn by each Member State in the Council for a term of six months in the order decided by the Council acting unanimously."

(ii) When the Accession Treaty enters into force the Council will adopt the following Decision ⁽³⁾:

"The office of President shall be held:

- for the first six months of 1995 by France;
- for the second six months of 1995 by Spain;
- for the subsequent periods of six months by the following countries in turn in the following order:

- Italy
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Luxembourg
- United Kingdom
- Austria
- Norway
- Germany
- Finland
- Portugal
- France
- Sweden
- Belgium
- Spain
- Denmark
- Greece.

The Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Member States concerned, may decide that a Member State may hold the Presidency during a period other than that resulting from the above order."

(b) Weighting of votes within the Council

- Present Member States : current weighting maintained
- Austria, Sweden: 4 votes per country
- Norway, Finland: 3 votes per country

9. Official languages

The official languages of the Union after enlargement will be the nine existing official languages, to which will be added on accession Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.

The following declaration will appear in the official record of the conference:

"In adopting the institutional provisions of the Accession Treaty, the Member States and the applicant countries agree that, as well as examining the legislative role of the European Parliament and the other matters envisaged in the Treaty on European Union, the Intergovernmental Conference to be convened in 1996 will consider the questions relating to the number of members of the Commission and the weighting of the votes of the Member States in the Council.- It will also consider any measures deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the Institutions and guarantee their effective operation."

(2) A joint declaration, similar to that adopted for the 1973 enlargement, will be entered in the Act of Accession to cover the eventuality of an uneven number of applicant countries acceding by allowing the thirteenth acting Judge to become an Advocate General.

(3) This Decision will be adjusted if enlargement involves fewer than four countries.