

## Letter from Christian Calmes to Renaat van Elslande (Brussels, 5 April 1973)

**Caption:** In a letter dated 5 April 1973 to Renaat Elslande, Belgian Foreign Minister and President-in-Office of the Council, the Secretary-General, Christian Calmes, asks the Council to accept his resignation and to appoint his successor.

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His Excellency  
Mr Renaat van ELSLANDE  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
President of the Council  
of the European Communities

BRUSSELS

Mr President,

Having been entrusted by the governments of the Member States since 1952 to direct the work of the Council's Secretariat, I have the honour to request to be relieved of my duties pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Council Regulation No 2530/72.

I would be grateful if you would kindly propose to the Council that it accept my request and proceed with appointing my successor, at the latest, at the meeting to be held on 4 and 5 June 1973. Given the extended period of time during which I was Secretary-General, I would be pleased if the Council would, on this occasion, kindly confer upon me the honorific related to my functions.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to the Permanent Representatives of the Member States.

Yours sincerely,

CALMES