Press release: extract on the resignation of Christian Calmes (4 June 1973)

Caption: In this press release, published following the meeting of 4 June 1973, the Council of the European Communities announces that it has accepted Christian Calmes' request for authorisation to resign from his position as Secretary-General of the Council as of 15 June 1973. The Council also announces the appointment of Nicolas Hommel as his successor as of 1 July.

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Press statement

On Monday 4 June 1973, the Council of the European Communities held its 245th meeting under the presidency of Mr Renaat VAN ELSLANDE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium and in the presence of Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI, President, the Vice-Presidents and members of the Commission of the European Communities.

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During the meeting, the Council accepted the request by Mr Christian CALMES, Minister Plenipotentiary, Secretary-General of the Council, to be relieved of his functions as of 15 June 1973. As of the same date, Mr CALMES will be appointed Honorary Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities.

The President, on behalf of the Council, and the President of the Commission on behalf of his institution, took the opportunity to pay solemn tribute to Mr CALMES, who has been in office since 1952, both for his distinguished service to the institution and his tireless commitment to the European cause. After congratulating him on his recent appointment as Chamberlain to his Excellency, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, the Presidents of the Council and of the Commission expressed to him their best wishes for his future which he will devote mainly to scientific work.

Effective as of 1 July, the Council has appointed as his successor in the post of Secretary-General of the Council, Mr Nicolas HOMMEL, Minister Plenipotentiary, and currently Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to Bonn and Copenhagen.

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