## Note from the Secretariat of the Interim Committee on the first meeting of the EEC and EAEC Councils (Brussels, 22 January 1958)

**Caption:** Note from the Secretariat of the Interim Committee for the Common Market and Euratom on the first meeting of the EEC and EAEC Councils, scheduled to be held on 25 January 1958 in Brussels.

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Under the terms of the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, the Councils of Ministers of the two Communities must hold their first meeting in the month in which the Treaties enter into force. The Councils of Ministers have therefore been convened to meet in Brussels by their acting President, Mr Larock, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, on Saturday 25 January and, possibly, on Sunday 26 January, at the Palais des Académies, 1 rue Ducale.

These meetings will be attended by various ministers from each of the Member States. (1) The Presidents and Members of the Common Market Commission and the Euratom Commission will also take part in the work of the Councils.

The Councils of Ministers will hold an inaugural meeting on Saturday 25 January at 11 a.m. The President and the Members of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank will be invited to this meeting. President Larock will give the inaugural speech and the Presidents of the ECSC, the Common Market and Euratom will respond.

The Councils of Ministers will then hold working meetings devoted largely to the initial problems raised by the organisation and initial operation of the two new Communities.

The members of the Councils will first hear a statement on the work of the Interim Committee, presented by Baron J.-C. Snoy et d'Oppuers. The establishment of a procedure to draw up the Rules of Procedure of the two Councils will then be examined.

As regards financial questions, the members of the Councils will be asked to decide on the advances needed to cover the initial expenditure of the Communities, on the one hand, and to set the salaries, allowances and pensions of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Members of the Commissions, on the other hand.

A further item on the agenda concerns the establishment of a procedure for the creation of the Economic and Social Committee which, under the terms of the Treaties, must be established within three months of the entry into force of the Treaties.

Lastly, the Members of the Common Market Commission will have an exchange of views on the methods by which the Common Market Commission can participate in work concerning the free trade area.

The President of the Councils will hold a press conference at the Palais des Académies at the end of the meetings.

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The first meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank will also be held on Saturday 25 January at 4 p.m., also at the Palais des Académies.

This Board is composed of a member of the government of each Member State, in principle, the Minister for Finance. Its acting Chairman is Mr Liebaert, Belgian Minister for Finance.

The first meeting of the Board of Governors will be devoted to the establishment of the organs of the Bank (appointment of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee).

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## PLANNED RECEPTIONS

On 25 January, at 1 p.m., His Majesty the King of the Belgians will host a luncheon for the members of the Councils and Commissions of the European Economic Community and Euratom, and for the members of the High Authority and the European Coal and Steel Community.

At 8.15 p.m. on the same day, Mr Larock will host a dinner in the reception rooms of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. The names of the Ministers will be communicated to the press at a later stage.

