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from : Commission of the European Communities, signed by Mr Padraig FLYNN, Member

dated: 10 December 1993

~~to : Mr Willy CLAES, President of the Council of the European Union~~

No. Cion prop.:11287/93 [COM(93) 684 final]

Subject: Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament
(a) Proposal for a Decision, based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, establishing a Convention on the crossing of the external frontiers of the Member States

(b) Proposal for a Regulation, based on Article 100c of the Treaty establishing the European Community determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States

Sir,

Please find enclosed:

(a) A proposal for a Decision, based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, establishing a Convention on the crossing of the external frontiers of the Member States;

(b) A proposal for a Regulation, based on Article 100c of the Treaty establishing the European Community determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the member States.

These proposals follow the entry into force of the Treaty on European Union, Title VI of which prescribes a specific procedure for concluding conventions in the fields of justice and home affairs and the new Article 100c of which introduces Community competence regarding visas.

Proposal (a) seeks to preserve the political "acquis" represented by the Convention on the crossing of external frontiers whilst adapting its text to the legal requirements set by the Treaty on European Union.

The two proposals are closely related and should be examined together.

As proposal (b) is based on Article 100c of the Treaty on European Union, consultation of the European Parliament is mandatory. In view of the subject matter, the Commission suggests that the European Parliament also be consulted on proposal (a).

The Council is requested to act on these proposals by the end of June 1994. The European Parliament should accordingly deliver its Opinion in April.

(Complimentary close).

(s.) For the Commission

Padriag FLYNN
Member

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