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Twenty-fifth Annual Brussels Seminar

3-20 July, 1997

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held at

Institute of European Studies
Université Libre de Bruxelles

Faculty of Law
Vrije Universiteit Brussel



Brussels, Belgium

The Brussels Seminar

AIM OF THE SEMINAR

The principal aim of the Brussels Seminar is to provide a group of interested American law students with intensive exposure to the law and institutions of the European Community within the new European Union. The process of completion of an integrated internal market, the remarkable expansion of the scope of the Community as evidenced by the Treaty on European Union which envisages an economic and monetary union and a political union, the accession of the new members of the EU and the further expansion of the Union, the fundamental changes in the political and economic systems in Central and Eastern Europe and the Community's reaction to them, and the challenges of the GATT-94 and the World Trade Organization (WTO), will be the subject of particular attention in Seminar discussions. The progress made by the Inter-Governmental Conference which since early 1996 has been working on consolidating and advancing European Union integration beyond the Maastricht Agreements, will also be analyzed and discussed.

In celebration of the twenty five years of the Brussels Seminar, a Colloquium is planned on the nature of the evolution of European Union-United States relations at the threshold of the 21st century and beyond. The Colloquium will form part of the program of the 1997 session of the Brussels Seminar.

DEDICATION

The twenty-fifth session of the Brussels Seminar is dedicated to the memory of Professor Dean Rusk, Secretary of State of the United States from 1961 to 1969 and thereafter Samuel H. Sibley Professor of International Law at the University of Georgia School of Law. He played a key role in the establishment of the Brussels Seminar and honored the Seminar with his active support for twenty-three years thereafter.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Brussels Seminar has been directed by Professor Gabriel M. Wilner since its inception in 1973. It is presently conducted in cooperation with Professor André Sapir, President of the Institute of European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and Professor Bart De Schutter, Director of the Program in International Legal Cooperation of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB).

The twenty-fifth session of the Brussels Seminar will receive its principal financial sponsorship from the **Dean and Virginia Rusk Fellowship Fund at the University of Georgia Law School** and from **The School of Law, Saint Louis University**.

Further support will be extended by the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States, Belgium and Luxembourg, by the Commission and the Court of Justice of the European Communities, and by friends and alumni of the Seminar.

Program of the Brussels Seminar

INTRODUCTION

The core elements of the Brussels Seminar are a series of lectures and discussions, given in English and to be attended by all the student participants. Approximately eighty hours of lectures, seminars, workshops, and the EU-USA Colloquium are planned for the fourteen working days scheduled.

OUTLINE OF TOPICS FOR LECTURES AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The Structure and Institutions of the European Union (EU)
The Economic and Monetary Union
Legal Nature of the European Union and particularly,
the European Political Union
The External Relations of the European Community (EC)
Judicial System of the European Communities
Relations of the EC with Eastern Europe
Completion of the Internal Market
Economic Relations between the EU and the United States
Community Law on Competition and State Aids
Right of Establishment of Individuals and Legal Persons in the EC
Commercial and Trade Policies and Laws of the EC
Harmonization of Legislation in the EC
Social Law of the EC
Tax Law in the EC
Development Policies of the EC
Agricultural Policies of the EC
Environmental Policies of the EC
Workshop on Legal Practice in the European Community
Human Rights in Europe
New Trends on Cooperation in the EU in the Field of Penal Law
Telecommunications Law in the EC
Air Transport Policies of the EC
Intellectual Property Law in the EC

BRIEFINGS AND OTHER MEETINGS

Visit and participation in a session of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg.
Briefing by officials of the United States Mission to the European Union in Brussels
Meeting at the Palace of Justice of Brussels on the Belgian judicial system

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Several receptions and dinners will be given at which the participants will meet officials of the Community institutions, professors at the various universities in Belgium and other EU countries, and members of the practicing Bar. Participants will have lunch with several judges and officials at the Court of Justice of the EC. The students will also spend a weekend day visiting the art cities of Bruges and Damme.

Lecturers at The Brussels Seminar

- Mr. P. Alexiadis** - Attorney - Brussels
- Mr. J.F. Bellis** - Avocat, Professor, Institute of European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
- Mr. Julian Curral** - Member of the Legal Service, Commission of the EC
- Mr. Bart De Schutter** - Professor of Law and Director, Program on International Legal Cooperation, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Mr. J. Faull** - Directorate-General, Competition, EC Commission
- Mr. T. Koopmans** - Former Judge, Court of Justice, European Communities
- Mr. E.P. Latham** - Directorate-General, Consumer Protection, EC Commission
- Mr. Anders Jessen** - Member of the Legal Service, EC Commission
- Mr. Tony Joris** - Professor, Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Mr. Kent Karlsson** - Attorney - Brussels
- Mr. D.G Lawrence** - Directorate-General, Environment, EC Commission
- Mr. Koen Lenaerts** - Judge, Court of First Instance of EC
- Mr. Jean-Victor Louis** - Legal Advisor, National Bank of Belgium, Past President, Institute of European Studies (ULB)
- Mr. Marc Maresceau** - Professor, Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Ghent University, Director, Europa Instituut, Ghent University
- Mr. Manuel Medina** - Member of European Parliament
- Mr. Peter Oliver** - Member of the Legal Service, Commission of the EC
- Mr. André Sapir** - Professor of Economics, President, Institute of European Studies (ULB)
- Mr. Peter Praet** - Professor of Economics, Institute of European Studies (ULB), Chief Economist, Société Générale de Banque
- Mr. B. Schloh** - Former Legal Advisor, Council of Ministers of the EC
- Ms. C. Schmidt** - Member of the Legal Service, EC Commission
- Mr. J.C. Seché** - Legal Advisor, EC Commission
- Mr. Stephen Spinks** - Attorney, Brussels; alumnus of the Brussels Seminar
- Mrs. R. Sybesma** - Professor, Faculty of Law, V.U.B.
- Mr. H. Taschner** - Director in Directorate-General (ret.), Internal Market, EC Commission
- Mr. A. TePass** - Head of Division Directorate-General, External Relations, EC Commission
- Mr. Georges Vandersanden** - Professor, Institute of European Studies, (ULB); Avocat
- Mr. Hendrik Van Lier** - Legal Service, EC Commission
- Mr. M. Vanden Abeele** - Chief of Cabinet of Commissioner Van Miert
- Mr. Servaas van Thiel** - Member of Legal Service, Council of Ministers of the EC
- Mr. Michel Waelbroeck** - Professor at the Institute of European Studies (ULB); Avocat
- Mr. Gabriel M. Wilner** - Professor of International Law and Associate Dean for International and Graduate Legal Studies, University of Georgia; Adjunct Professor of Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Director, Brussels Seminar

How To Apply To Become A Participant In The Brussels Seminar

The Brussels Seminar will take place from 3 to 20, July, 1997. Thirty-five qualified student participants will be selected principally from among United States law students. Students who have finished one year of legal training can be admitted on the basis of previous work in areas of relevance to EC law. Some preference will be given to students who have completed two or more years of legal training. Students entering into their third year of law study are encouraged to attend the second period of the Hague Academy of International Law on Public International Law upon completion of the Brussels Seminar.

To Apply Please send the following information in the letter of application:

1. Name
2. University and year of study
3. Courses taken in the areas of international law and regional economic integration
4. Name(s) of your Professor(s) in the field as reference
5. Addresses at which you may be reached from the time of application to the beginning of the seminar (3 July, 1997.)

Your letter of application should be sent by April 11, 1997 to:

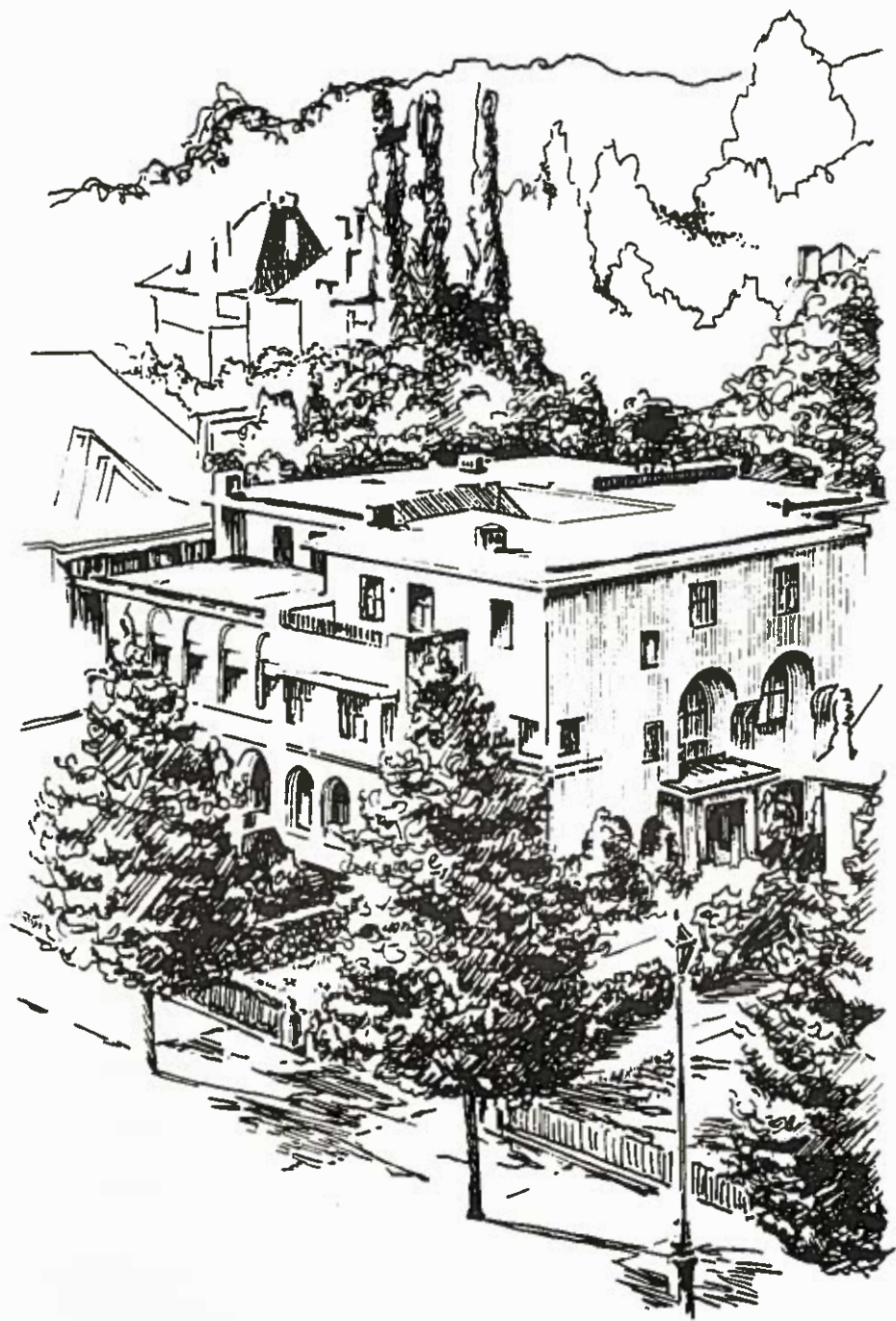
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For **information** regarding **The Hague Academy of International Law**, please address your letter directly to: **Secretariat, The Hague Academy of International Law, Peace Place, The Hague, Netherlands**. Your application to the Hague Academy must be sent as soon as possible in view of limitations on places available.

Arrangements Regarding Tuition and Accommodations

The Seminar will meet the costs of tuition (including study materials) and lodgings of students participants for the period of the Seminar. The participants will also be guests of the Seminar for the excursions to Bruges and Luxembourg, and at receptions, luncheons, and the annual dinner organized for the Seminar. Facilities for meals will be available at the Universities at a greatly reduced price. Each student must pay the **registration fee of \$680*** upon arrival at the Seminar. Each participant will be expected to provide his or her own transportation from the United States to Brussels and return. The Seminar will not pay any expenses for spouses or others accompanying participants.

*Students from the sponsoring institutions will benefit from an adjustment in the registration fee.



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