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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 September 1980

appointing the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities

(80/918/EEC, Euratom, ECSC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Council, and in particular Article 17 (1) thereof,

Whereas the operation of the Council calls for :

— a higher degree of continuity in the work of the Council during successive Presidencies,

— a better coordination of the work of the Council in its various formations,

— a higher degree of coherence in the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council,

— sustained efforts to produce more Council decisions by compromise through preparatory contacts with delegations,

— significant alleviation of the Council's work load by way of preliminary agreement being reached in Coreper on a larger number of issues ;

Whereas these improvements should be brought about through determined contributions by all Member Countries to a more efficient use of the Council's decision-making structure, a special responsibility resting with the Presidency-in-Office ;

Whereas the task of the Secretariat of the Council is to assist the Council in general and the Presidency in particular in the performance of their tasks ;

Whereas the office of Secretary-General is of great importance in bringing about the necessary improvements,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

Mr Niels E. N. Ersbøll is hereby appointed Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities for a period of five years with effect from 8 October 1980 ; the term of office may be renewed once for five years.

Article 2

This Decision shall be notified to Mr Ersbøll by the President of the Council.

It shall also be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Done at Brussels, 26 September 1980.

For the Council

The President

P. HELMINGER