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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 April 1997

appointing a member of the Economic and Social Committee

(97/253/EC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 195 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 167 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 94/660/EC, Euratom of 26 September 1994 appointing members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 1994 to 20 September 1998 [1],

Whereas a seat has become vacant on the Economic and Social Committee following the resignation of Mr André Laur, communicated to the Council on 8 November 1996;

Having regard to the nominations submitted by the French Government on 25 November 1996,

Having obtained the opinion of the Commission of the European Communities,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Joseph Balle is hereby appointed a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr André Laur for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 20 September 1998.

Done at Luxembourg, 14 April 1997.

For the Council

The President

J. VAN AARTSEN

[1] OJ No L 257, 5. 10. 1994, p. 20.