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DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS IN BRUSSELS ON 15 MARCH 2004 (extract)

B.1. Language section placement and post creation in the school of Luxembourg II – 2004-D-362-en-1

The Board of Governors decided on the following distribution of the existing language sections between Luxembourg I and Luxembourg II:

Luxembourg I: DE – EN – FR – NL – ESP – PORT – FIN – SV

Luxembourg II: DE – EN – FR – DK – GR – IT

And of the new member countries:

Luxembourg I: POL – LIT – LAT – EST – MALTA

Luxembourg II: HG – CZ – SLOVENIA – SLOVAKIA – CYPRUS

14 votes in favour	Austria, Belgium, European Commission, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom
1 vote against	Italy
1 abstention	Greece

The steering group would prepare a document in response to the Italian delegation's request for information about the criteria which had led to this distribution.

Answer from the Lux 2 Steering group:

No reply so far

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The Secretary-General presented the document, the proposals in which were designed to prevent paralysis.

The Spanish, Austrian, German, Portuguese, French, Finnish, Swedish, Luxembourg and Netherlands delegations said that they considered that a decision had been taken in January 2004.

The Danish delegation shared this view, whilst regretting the lack of clarity at Shannon which had led to the October decision.

The Greek delegation said that it would abstain if a vote were taken as it did not wish to block the situation.

The Italian delegation requested thorough clarification of the matter. The credibility of the Board of Governors was at stake. It had never received any explanation of the choice criteria used by the steering group for distribution of the language sections. The delegation also called for transparency and requested that the criteria behind the decision be communicated to it and appear in the minutes.

The President requested that the pedagogical and/or other reasons on which the steering group's proposal had been based be communicated by the Secretary-General in writing.

ANNEX IV

STATEMENT BY THE GREEK DELEGATION ON ITEM B.1. (document 2004-D-362-en-1)

The Greek delegation wishes to express its regret at the fact that the separation of the language sections of the European School, Luxembourg has not come about as a result of a unanimous decision* of the Board of Governors.

It also wishes to express its displeasure at the way in which the proposal for separation was presented to the Board of Governors. The delegation is not convinced that the procedure followed for this separation was as transparent as it ought to have been, since it has not provided a solution acceptable to all the parties and deemed fair and proper by them.

The Greek delegation has chosen to abstain for two reasons:

1. To show that it is not participating in the decision-making on this question because it does not agree with the procedure followed to present the proposal concerning separation of the language sections of the European School, Luxembourg, and
2. In order not to prevent the normal operation of the European School, Luxembourg from the 2004-2005 school year.

* Editor's note : According to the convention governing the European Schools any decision which has financial or pedagogical implications has to be **UNANIMOUS**.