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**BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG,
NETHERLANDS and FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY**

**Statute of the European School (with Protocol of Signature).
Signed at Luxembourg, on 12 April 1957**

**Annex to the Statute of the European School containing
regulations for the European School leaving certificate
(*Baccalauréat européen*). Signed at Luxembourg, on
15 July 1957**

**Protocol concerning the provisional application of the
Statute of the European School signed at Luxembourg
on 12 April 1957. Signed at Luxembourg, on 15 July
1957**

**Protocol amending the German text of the Statute of the
European School and the Regulations for the European
School leaving certificate (*Baccalauréat européen*)
Signed at Luxembourg, on 17 March 1961**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6362. STATUTE OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL.¹
SIGNED AT LUXEMBOURG, ON 12 APRIL 1957

The Governments of : the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, duly represented by :

Mr. Raoul Dooreman, Acting Chargé d'Affaires of Belgium in Luxembourg, and

Mr. Julien Kuypers, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary; Count Karl von Spreti, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Luxembourg;

Mr. Pierre-Alfred Saffroy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Luxembourg;

Mr. Antonio Venturini, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Luxembourg;

Mr. Joseph Bech, President of the Government, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and

Mr. Pierre Frieden, Minister of Education of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

Mr. Adriaan-Hendrik Philipse, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands to Luxembourg;

CONSIDERING that the presence at the provisional headquarters of the European Coal and Steel Community of children of employees recruited from Member States makes it necessary to provide schooling in the mother tongues of the persons concerned;

CONSIDERING that a primary school has been established on the initiative of the Association for the Educational and Family Welfare of the employees of the European Coal and Steel Community, with the approval of the Luxembourg Government and the material and moral support of the agencies of the Community;

¹ Came into force on 22 February 1960, the date of deposit of the fourth instrument of ratification, in accordance with the provisions of article 32 (2) of the Statute. The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Luxembourg Government by the States listed below on the dates indicated :

Belgium	11 March	1959	Italy	22 February	1960
France	14 May	1959	Netherlands	19 May	1960
Luxembourg	20 November	1959			

CONSIDERING that, since then, the facilities have been progressively extended to comprise teaching at the secondary level, as a result of co-operation between the six States which created the Community and the Community itself;

CONSIDERING the complete success of this experiment in providing a common education for children of different nationalities, on the basis of a curriculum reflecting as broadly as possible the common features of the national educational traditions and the different cultures which jointly make up European civilization;

CONSIDERING, further, that it is in the cultural interest of the participating States to continue and consolidate an undertaking which is in keeping with the spirit of co-operation by which they are guided;

CONSIDERING that it is therefore highly desirable to endow the aforesaid School with a permanent Statute, and to sanction its educational activities by ensuring recognition of the diplomas and certificates issued by it;

Have agreed and resolved as follows :

TITLE ONE

THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL

Article 1

A teaching and educational establishment, to be known as the "European School", hereinafter referred to as the School, shall be established at the headquarters of the European Coal and Steel Community.

Article 2

The School shall be open to children of nationals of the Contracting Parties. Children of other nationalities may be admitted to the School in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Executive Board provided for in article 8.

Article 3

The instruction provided at the School shall cover the entire range of studies until the completion of the secondary level. It shall consist of :

- (1) a primary level entailing five years of schooling;
- (2) a secondary level entailing seven years of schooling.

Pupils who have not reached the age for admission at the primary level shall be accommodated in a kindergarten, in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations of the School.

Pupils who have attended the School until the age required under the laws of their own country regarding compulsory school attendance shall be deemed to have complied with that requirement.

Article 4

The teaching provided at the School shall conform to the following principles :

(1) The fundamental education, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be provided in the official languages of the Contracting Parties;

(2) Teaching in all the language sections shall be based on uniform curricula and time-tables;

(3) In order to promote the unity of the School, as well as understanding and cultural interchange between pupils in the various language sections, classes at the same level shall be taught together in certain subjects;

(4) To this end, a special effort shall be made to give the pupils a thorough knowledge of modern languages;

(5) In the process of teaching and education, personal beliefs and convictions shall be respected.

Article 5

(1) Grades successfully completed at the School and the corresponding diplomas and certificates shall be recognized in the countries of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with a table of equivalents and under the conditions laid down by the Executive Board provided for in article 8, subject to the agreement of the competent national authorities.

(2) On completing the secondary level, the students of the School may sit for examinations for the European school leaving certificate (*Baccalauréat européen*), the procedure governing which shall be specified in a special agreement to be annexed to this Statute. Persons who have obtained the European school leaving certificate at the School shall :

(a) Enjoy in their own countries all the advantages conferred by possession of the diploma or certificate issued in that country upon completion of secondary studies; and

(b) Be entitled to apply for admission to any university in the countries of the Contracting Parties, on the same footing as nationals holding equivalent certificates.

For the purposes of this convention, the term " University " shall mean :

(a) Universities, and

(b) Institutions regarded as being similar in character to universities by the Contracting Party in whose territory they are situated.

Article 6

In so far as the legislation of each of the Contracting Parties is concerned, the School shall have the status of a public institution; it shall enjoy the legal

attributes necessary for the accomplishment of its task; it shall have financial autonomy and the right to be a party to judicial proceedings; and it may acquire and dispose of the movable and immovable property necessary for the accomplishment of its task.

TITLE TWO

THE ORGANS OF THE SCHOOL

Article 7

The organs of the School shall be :

- (1) The Executive Board,
- (2) The Boards of Inspection,
- (3) The Administrative Board,
- (4) The Director.

Chapter 1

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 8

The Executive Board shall be composed of the Minister or Ministers of each of the Contracting Parties responsible for education and/or cultural relations with other countries.¹ It shall meet not less than once a year. The Ministers may delegate other persons to represent them at the meetings.

The Executive Board shall elect a Chairman from among its members for a term of one year.

Article 9

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the application of this convention. For this purpose it shall have the necessary powers in educational, financial and administrative matters. It shall adopt the General Regulations of the School by common agreement.

Article 10

In educational and budgetary matters, the decisions of the Executive Board shall be taken unanimously by the Parties represented. In administrative matters, they shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority. In all voting, each Contracting Party represented shall have one vote.

¹ In the case of the Federal Republic of Germany the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the President of the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education shall be competent.