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234 files

This fonds reflects the career of Angel Viñas within the European Commission (DG1A) from his position as director for Asia and Latin America and then Head of the EC Delegation to UN then Director for Multilateral Relations and finally in the Directorate dealing with Human Rights.

The system of arrangement is organic - respect for the files created by Viñas, only where there were loose documents did I seek to create new files or else re-integrate them into existing files

GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH; ITALIAN

Angel Viñas began his University studies in German Language and Literature at Hamburg University but soon switched to Political Economy. He went to the Free University in Berlin and to Glasgow University. He graduated with first class honours at the University of Madrid (Complutense) in 1966. He also won an accessit to the National Prize for the best academic curriculum. Following a competitive examination he entered the Spanish economic foreign service in 1968 as first in his class. After a brief spell on the staff of the IMF, he was assigned to the Spanish Embassy in Bonn in 1971.

At the suggestion of Professor Enrique Fuentes Quintana he began to research German financing of the Spanish Civil War. This led to his doctoral thesis on the origins of Hitler's intervention in Spain for which he obtained first class honours in 1973 and a "prix extraordinaire" in 1974. It was published under the title of *La Alemania nazi y el 18 de Julio* (Alianza, 1974) as the first piece of historical writing on the Civil War to appear in Franco's Spain which did not conform to the methodology, values and principles adhered to by former soldiers, policemen, priests and complicit academics.

He won a chair in Political Economy at the University of Valencia in 1975 and immediately embarked on further research, this time into the Republican financing of the Civil War. His second book, *El oro español en la guerra civil* (Instituto de Estudios Fiscales, 1976), was withdrawn by the Government before distribution. Tellingly, it was subsequently released when Professor Fuentes Quintana became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Economy in June 1977 after the first democratic elections in Spain since 1936. Between 1977 and 1982 Professor Viñas held chairs at the University of Alcalá and the Open University (UNED), published *El oro de Moscú* (Grijalbo, 1979), *Los pactos secretos de Franco con Estados Unidos* (Grijalbo, 1971) and directed and co-wrote *Política comercial exterior en España, 1931-1975* (Banco Exterior de España, 1979).

He was the first author to obtain unrestricted access to the ministerial archives of the Francoist years. In 1983 Professor Viñas won a chair at the University of Madrid (Complutense) and was appointed an executive adviser to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs with responsibility for the NATO dossier and for the creation of a policy planning staff. After the NATO referendum in 1986 he was asked to devise ways and means to promote the intensification of relations between the European Community and Latin America. In 1987 he switched to the European Commission as a Director for Relations with Latin America and Asia. In 1991 he became head of the Commission Delegation to the United Nations. On his return to Brussels in 1997 he was given the post of Director for Multilateral Political Relations and Human Rights. He left the Commission in 2001 and rejoined the Complutense University and later on the Spanish economic foreign service. He served as a Counsellor for Economy and Trade at the Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU until August 2007 when he retired.

During this period he published *Franco, Hitler y el estallido de la guerra civil. Antecedentes y consecuencias* (Alianza, 2001), *En las garras del aguila. Los pactos con Estados Unidos, de Francisco Franco a Felipe González* (Crítica, 2003), and *Al servicio de Europa. Innovación y crisis en la Comisión Europea* (Editorial Complutense, 2005), an account of his work and times at the Commission and the first fully fledged book to give an insider's view of the Santer crisis. He also started a three-part study of the external constraints of the Spanish Republic at war, based on in-depth research in more than twenty archives in six countries, including former Soviet archives. The volumes published so far are *La soledad de la Republica. El abandono de las democracias y el viraje*

hacia la Union Sovietica (Critica, 2006) and El escudo de la Republica. El oro de España, la apuesta soviética y los hechos de mayo de 1937 (Crítica, 2007). The third volume, in preparation, is provisionally entitled El honor de la Republica. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of Spain's accession to the European Union he directed a book of essays by former Spanish Commission officials, Las politicas comunitarias. Una visión interna (Ministerio de Comercio, 2006).


Professor Viñas has contributed to one hundred collective books and published some 120 academic articles reflecting his various interests. He is married to former British diplomat Helen Boreland and has two children.

AV-01 Task and Activity Files of Angel Viñas

1998-2000

17 files

Files organised by Angel Viñas as "dossiers d'attributions" which he classified in chronological order. They consist of the first and initial pages of information notes, administrative documents, Commission staff working papers, announcements of visits by delegations and individuals on human rights issues, details of Inter-Service Group meetings, memos, agendas of meetings, convocations of meetings, operational conclusions of meetings with Commissioner van den Broek, reports of sessions of the Human Rights Commission, requests for briefing papers and incoming and outgoing correspondence from delegations of the European Commission to the UN and various countries, European Union Council, Commission offices, Secretariat General, Joint RELEX service (SCR) and other services and cabinets, European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS), Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO), NGO's, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the European Committee on Migration. Only the most important issues in these files have been listed in the inventory.


 **File: AV-1** 22/06/1998 - 29/01/1999

Task File June 1998 - January 1999

File with information on: European Committee on crime problems - European Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters; Commission's human rights projects - procedures; Financial statements for the EC contribution to the OSCE support of the 1998 electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Resolutions adopted by the UN general Assembly re. disarmament; PHARE democracy programme - Rumania; Security Council consultations on Kosovo and Iraq, reports on Angola and Afghanistan; European Committee for Social Development (CDCS) - meetings; Report on Turkey - Dec 1998; EU follow-up to the UN 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995; Common strategy for Ukraine; Political report for Croatia; Conclusions of the meeting held in Bonn between the German Government and the Commission; DG1A lead in troika on Indian and Pakistani export controls; Council of Europe - criminal law convention on corruption; Political situation in Russia, Jan 1999; Cyprus - report; Situation in DR Congo

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH; DUTCH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-2** 01/02/1999 - 28/02/1999

Task File February 1999


File with information on: Security and peacekeeping issues in Kosovo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Central African Republic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ghana; Human resources in DG1; The political situation in Palestine; EU-US relations; Mission report on Albania; Chinese veto of resolution on UNPREDEP; European year against racism; UN summit on social development; WEU transatlantic forum; Coordination of timetables for inspection/control missions in external delegations; International

criminal court: first session of the preparatory commission; Co-operation with ACP countries involved in armed conflicts; Development assistance; Reform of the Security Council of the UN; Commission sessions on human rights
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH; DUTCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-3** 01/03/1999 - 25/03/1999


Task File March 1999

File with information on: Task force in nuclear safety; Death penalty in the US; EU joint action on small arms; Co-operation with ACP countries; India/Pakistan summit meeting in Lahore; OSCE - Joint programme with Commission on advancing democratisation and human rights in Central Asia; Support account for peace-keeping operations - report of the Secretary-General; Annual report from the Commission - Equal opportunities for women and men in the EU - 1998; Inter-service consultation relating to mine action; The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC); EU cooperation agreements - Bangladesh, Argentina; Human rights abuses in DR Congo; Problem of clandestine immigrants from Albania; Kosovo - follow-up to Rambouillet negotiations; Implementation of microprojects under the initiative for democracy and human rights; EU resolution on abolition of death penalty; Preparing for ratification of the Kyoto Protocol; Commercial policy - relations with North America, Far-East, Australia and New Zealand; Measures to eliminate international terrorism; Fight against drugs; Human rights situation in China; Vienna European Council - racism in the candidate countries
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-4** 26/03/1999 - 31/03/1999


Task File March 1999

File with information on: Meeting between Commissioner van der Broek and DG1A - operational conclusions; Trinidad and Tobago - death penalty; Kosovo - adoption of Security Council Resolution; Security Council - standby arrangements for peacekeeping; EU-US death penalty; Commission on human rights - China; Ongoing situation in Kosovo; Council of Europe Bulletins on Rom/Gypsies in Europe; Establishment of a viable police force in Albania
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-5** 01/04/1999 - 30/04/1999

Task File April 1999


File with information on: Conflict prevention network; European human rights foundation; Montenegro humanitarian assistance; The political situation in Russia April 1999; Cooperation with OSCE on Central Asia; FAO information session on the administrative committee on co-ordination network for rural development and food security; Situation in Somalia; US-European defence industry issues; NATO summit: Enlargement aspects; Human rights Commission - China; Kosovo crisis - situation in Albania; NATO - The Alliance's strategic concept; Arrangement on Commission /WEU co-operation; Phare social sector NGO support for eastern Europe; G7 non-proliferation; Anti personnel landmines; Introduction of the Euro in UNIDO; Security Council information on Afghanistan, India-Pakistan, Niger; Human rights in Iran and Kosovo
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-6** 02/05/1999 - 31/05/1999

Task File May 1999


File with information on: Future of the Conflict Prevention Network (CPN); Kosovo - needs assessment; Pakistan/Indian conflict over Kashmir; Indictment of

President Milosevic; Middle East - resolution; Security Council statements on Angola, Somalia, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone; Commission-Iran working group on energy; Stability pact for South Eastern Europe; European Charter on Fundamental Rights; EU action plan to combat drugs (2000-2004); OSCE 7th economic forum; UN appeal for international co-operation on Chernobyl; Iraq: oil for food programme; Mine clearing projects; Protection of children from sex tourism industry; Fight against racism in candidate countries; Joint projects with Council of Europe; Work on asylum and migration; Trinidad and Tobago: death penalty; NATO bombing of Chinese embassy in Belgrade; UNIDO - operational activities for development; Yugoslavia - embargo debate; Application of Kyoto protocol; Signing of historic agreements at the UN: East Timor, EU/Hungary relations
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-7** 01/06/1999 - 30/06/1999

Task File June 1999


File with information on: Enlargement issues; Evaluation of Commission /Council of Europe programme in support of human rights, democracy and good governance in Russia and Ukraine; Stability Pact: Kosovo; Pakistan - Nuclear energy issues; Human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey and Chile; Constitution of a DG VIII human rights and democracy advisory group; East Timor resolution; EU priorities for the upcoming 54th UN general assembly; Communication from the Commission - Countering racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism in the candidate countries; Relations with North-Korea; Kosovo: interim civil administration; EU Charter of fundamental rights; UN General Assembly - Report of the special committee on peacekeeping operations; Security Council briefs on DR Congo; Co-ordination of relations with international organisations; EU/US economic relations; Statement of President Clinton at ILO conference; OSCE missions in Ukraine, Georgia, Tajikistan and Kosovo; General elections in South Africa; US sanctions reform; Report from the Commission on the implementation of the European Year against racism (1997); EU demarche - Ottawa convention; Vietnam: Anti-personnel landmines
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-8** 01/07/1999 - 31/07/1999

Task File July 1999

File with information on: Annual report 1999 on human rights; EU-US task force meeting - Helsinki; UNIDO, the Euro and the EU; OSCE Charter for European security; Meeting between Commissioner van den Broek and DG 1A - operational conclusions; Human rights and democratisation activities of DG1A; Draft regulation on landmines; Special working group on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; Seminar on UN arms embargoes and travel sanctions; European voluntary service projects in third countries; Report on the UN interim administration mission in Kosovo; Sri Lanka country report; Commission and Council of Europe joint projects; Preparation of OSCE Review Conference; EU external relations in the post-Kosovo era; Fundamental Rights Charter; Political/military situation in Angola; Libya country report; Stability Pact in South Eastern Europe; EU/Japan political cooperation; Organisation of new Commission; Report of New Transatlantic Agenda Taskforce; UN compensation commission (Pakistan); Kosovo/FRY issues; Problems in African countries - DR Congo, Lesotho, Central African Republic, Algiers; Demarche in Amman and Botswana on UN register of conventional arms; Aid in favour of poorest countries; Refugees - disparity in humanitarian assistance between African and European refugees; Tokyo Forum for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament; Situation in Afghanistan, East Timor, Peru, Georgia; Meetings of high level group on Asylum and migration


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-9** 01/08/1999 - 31/08/1999

Task File August 1999

File with information on: Antalya conference on security and cooperation, Oct 1999; Election assistance to Croatia; Situation in Sierra Leone, Angola, East Timor, Palestine; Food aid to Russia; Report on EU-Demarche in support of IAEA additional protocols on nuclear safety measures in South Africa; Mine action group; Crisis in relations with the Government of Nicaragua; Work of Cambodia mine action centre; Sarajevo stability pact; Draft of European Charter for fundamental rights; EU troika in Islamabad; OSCE and FRY, Chechnya, Latvia, Belarus, Kosovo, Turkmenistan, Montenegro, Estonia; Council of Europe - notification of ratification and entry into force of Slovenia and Denmark to their instruments; Humanitarian situation in Angola; European Commission contributions to the OSCE in support of the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Work of the Ministerial Week at UN in New York; Co-operation of the Republic of Croatia with the Hague Tribunal


Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-10** 01/09/1999 - 30/09/1999

Task File September 1999

File with information on: Accession report for Turkey 15 June-15 August 1999; ECHO activities; Croatian elections; Argentina - death penalty; Human rights - Hong Kong; Comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty conference, Vienna Oct 1999; Special session of human rights commission on East Timor; Debate at the Security Council on small arms; EU charter of fundamental rights: procedure; Improving co-operation with NGO's; Co-operation between the Commission and the Council of Europe; Reorganisation of the administrative structures of the Commission; Progress of the ceasefire agreement in the Democratic republic of Congo; Community defence policy - significance of the Cologne summit; US views on peace process in Kosovo; Human Rights - Attendance at UNGA Third Committee; EU-India relations; Conclusions of working group on asylum and migration; Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures; UN withdrawal of UNAMET from East-Timor; Observation of Croatian elections


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-11** 01/10/1999 - 29/10/1999

Task File October 1999

File with information on: Drug controls - EU strategy; Procedures in external relations DG; Community developmental aid; Security council briefings on Burundi, Iraq-Kuwait, Cambodia, Kosovo, Georgia and Afghanistan - conditional sanctions against the Taliban; Courriere du Président of Commission on various human rights issues; Women's issues and disabled persons's issues; External debt crisis and development; Cooperation between Relex DG's; International co-operation on Chernobyl; Written procedures of the Commission regarding the financing of human rights projects for Nigeria, Haiti, Madagascar-Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Zaire, Burkina Faso; Crime prevention and criminal justice; World summit for social development; East Timor - UN Commission of Inquiry; Commission participation at FAO conference; Comments on ABV - Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty; EU Troika with Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; US views on Hong Kong; EU-China Summit

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-12** 01/11/1999 - 30/11/1999

Task File November 1999

File with information on: UN review of peacekeeping operations; Mine action; Calendar of activities for the development and consolidation of democratic stability (ADACS); Financial agreement between the UN and the EC; OSCE summit Istanbul; EU-China summit; European progress report on European Security and Defence; Resolution on anti-ballistic missile treaty; UNGA 2nd Committee, Plenary debate on: permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory; International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; International anti-corruption conference, Durban Oct 1999; Conflict prevention; Situation in East Timor, Tajikistan, Korea, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, Georgia, Burundi, DR Congo; Commission administrative reform; Iraq: oil for food programme; Afghanistan - sanctions against the Taliban; UN sanctions - resolution on assistance to third states affected by the application of sanctions; Reconstruction programme for South Eastern Europe; Updated inventory of the Commission's external cooperation; Commission: common strategies; Preparation of Summit EU-Africa, April 2000; Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-13** 01/12/1999 - 20/12/1999

Task File December 1999

File with information on: Commission communication on EU election assistance and observation; Democracy micro-projects; International criminal court; UN resolutions on sanctions, Bosnia-Herzegovina, assistance to the Palestinian people, suppression of the financing of terrorism, Oceans and the law of the sea; Speech by Patten on the Future of the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) and the role of the Commission; Human rights projects in the Dominican Republic, Somalia, Burkina Faso/Tanzania, Rwanda, DR Congo, Angola, China - Patten's visit to Macao; UN debates on Africa and cause of conflicts there and Afghanistan; Commission reform - strategic options paper; China - potential agreement with Euratom on peaceful uses of nuclear energy; EU-Canada summit - Anti personnel landmines; East Timor: UN Commission of Enquiry; International Peace Academy (IPA): proposed project on "UN, NATO and Regional Actors in the 21st century"; LDC's - EU discussions; Iraq - update on negotiations towards a comprehensive resolution; EU/Africa summit (Cairo April 2000)

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-14** 01/01/2000 - 31/01/2000

Task File January 2000


File with information on: EU and fight against international corruption; UN General Assembly - assistance in mine action; Democracy and human rights; UNCTAD X (Bangkok, Feb 2000); Visit of Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights to DG Relex; Guinea-Bissau - UNOGBIS mandate extended; Human rights microprojects - China; Stability pact - workshop on small arms and light weapons, Ljubljana; Africa issues - aids, Security Council sanctions, development; Note from Commission President (Prodi) and Mr. Kinnock - The Commission and non-Governmental Organisations: reinforcing the partnership; Australia's relations with the UN; Antipersonnel landmines - communications; Commission's external co-operation; Preparation of the 56th session of the Human Rights Commission; Survey of OSCE long-term mission and other OSCE field activities; G7/G8 French non paper on coherence/international law; EU election assistance and observation; 3rd Committee Human Rights Experts Meetings - death penalty; Commission document "Linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD):

*Ideas for action"; EP Foreign Affairs Committee on CFSP; DG Relex non-military headline goals; Mission report of Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe
Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file*

 **File: AV-15** 01/02/2000 - 15/03/2000

Task File February - March 2000

*File with information on: Haiti - End of UN peacekeeping mandate; Appraisal of outcome of the World Summit for social development; Assessment of the adopted electoral code of the Republic of Belarus; Situation in the Balkans/South East Europe; Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina - demining; Chechnya - Council of Europe presence; Visit by Chris Patten to the UN human rights Commission; 8th meeting of the OSCE economic forum - Economic aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation; China - Human rights projects; EU/Russia ministerial meeting; HAITI - establishment of MICAH; China/Euratom; Action plan - Reforming the Commission; Human rights and terrorism; Contribution of the Commission to the European Regional Conference against racism; EU troika with US on small arms; Commission on the status of women; DR Congo - UN decision to send peacekeeping force; Iran - non-proliferation act; Jordan - honour killings; EU election assistance and observation; Australia's relations with the UN; Progress - Central African Republic; Croatian Government's work programme; Lebanon- EU meetings: future of UNIFIL; Human rights microprojects
Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file*

 **File: AV-16** 16/03/2000 - 28/04/2000

Task File March - April 2000

*File includes information on: East Timor - security situation; Amnesty for Vietnamese prisoners; Implications of progress in the Lusaka peace process; Execution of 2000 budget; Initiative of the European Parliament on the fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism in the countries seeking adhesion; European initiative for democracy and human rights; Opening of the 2000 non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference; Situation in Chechnya; Russia's 2000 presidential elections: Implications for Russian democracy and US/Russian relations; Future of OSCE mission in Estonia; Higher education in Albania; Lebanon - Security Council approved presidential statement; Elections - Belarus; Human rights transgressions worldwide from India, China, Turkey; Rwanda etc; United Nations forum on forests; Charter Committee - UN sanctions; Georgian presidential election; Security Council of UN - Canadian presidency; Notification of adhesion of Liechtenstein to the Council of Europe; OSCE seminar on small arms and light weapons; UN conference on LDC's; Sessions of UN Commission on Population and Development; G8 conflict prevention
Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH; DUTCH
Material: Paper file*

 **File: AV-17** 01/05/2000 - 21/06/2000

Task File May - June 2000

File includes information on: Women's rights; Human rights issues in Bangladesh, Iran, Lebanon, Tunisia and Argentina; International Criminal Court - US proposal; Israeli withdrawal from South-Lebanon; International drug situation; Security Council resolution extending peacekeeping mandate in Cyprus; China in international institutions; Iraq oil for food programme; World summit on Children, Sept 2001; Conflicts in Africa - Rwanda, DR Congo, Ethiopia/Eritrea; OSCE missions in Latvia and Estonia; UN resolutions on Middle East, Western Sahara and Sierra Leone; EU demarche on death penalty; Election observers in Mexico, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Peru; Estonia: pre-accession report; Accession of Slovakia to OECD; Organisation of Millennium summit; Preparations for UN conference on LDC's; Amnesty international - implementation of UN resolution on

Colombia; Violence against Tamils in Sri Lanka; Fisheries situation; Human trafficking in South Eastern Europe; Possible Security Council measures - Afghanistan

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

AV-02 Chronological Files

1993-1998

23 files

These files are classified in chronological order and follow the career of Angel Viñas from his time as head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the UN to his time as Director for political multilateral relations at the Commission (DG1A). They contain the outgoing correspondence from Viñas to the Commission delegation in New York (UN), heads of delegations, ambassadors and permanent representatives of European countries at the Council of Europe and UN, other DG's (particularly DG-A - multilateral relations - Burghardt) with regard to administrative matters, letters of reference, mission and leave applications, confirmation of visits by students, historians etc, replies to invitations to conferences and seminars and internal administrative documents. The correspondence refers to the most pressing issues of the day for Viñas in his position within the Delegation and Commission but only the most important items mentioned in these files are listed in the inventory.

ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH


 **File: AV-18** 11/01/1993 - 05/03/1993

January - March 1993

UN world conference on human rights; Notes by the President of the Security Council on Iraq; Participation of the EEC in the Commission on Sustainable Development (SDC); Somali: the US prepares for transition; Admission procedure to the UN; Commission actions in UN press release; Israel and the Palestinian deportees; Integration of social policy in developmental policy; International conference on African development; Statement on Croatia by the President of the Security Council; Former Yugoslavia in the Security Council; Secretary General's report on Western Sahara; Statement on cooperation between the UN and regional organisations; Status of peace talks for Bosnia-Herzegovina; Evaluation of UNICEF 1992; Visit by Commissioner van den Broek, (External Relations) to the UN

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-19** 03/03/1993 - 03/04/1993

March - April 1993

Resolution 810 on Cambodia; Report by the Secretary-General on Somalia; Appeal from the UN for humanitarian aid to Georgia; Statistics on emergency aid to Southern Africa; Report by UN consultant on contacts with the Commission in the field of cooperation; Report for the Truth Commission for El Salvador; Report on UN cooperation with multilateral financial institutions; Report by the Secretary

General on Bosnian negotiations; UN statistics on humanitarian assistance to former Yugoslavia; Visit of Mr. Boutros-Ghali to the Commission; Speech by Viñas on "Rethinking of Western Europe" at Colombia University
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-20** 03/04/1993 - 18/06/1993


April - June 1993

Sanctions on Iraq; General Assembly resolution on agenda for Development; Visit of Dr. Boutros-Ghali to the Commission; Security issues in Bosnia; Situation in Latin America; UN report of Foreign Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe; UN report on international co-operation on foreign investment issues in which EC is mentioned; UN report on regional arrangements and technological co-operation with analysis of EC experience; Information on Spanish perspectives in the 1990's; UN Secretary General's report on UNPROFOR and Croatia; Security Council Resolution 827 (1993) on War Crimes Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia; Report of UNDP actions in El Salvador
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-21** 02/08/1993 - 31/08/1993


August 1993

Troika demarche on Sudan; UN Secretary-General's report on Liberia; Security council resolutions on Georgia and Liberia; Situation in Western Sahara; List of nominees to the international tribunal on Yugoslavia; Peacekeeping operations and financial problems of the UN; UN Secretary-General's reports on Somalia and UNPROFOR; Nicaraguan request for UN support; Suspension of economic sanctions against Haiti; Cambodia: Towards the end of UNCTAD
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-22** 01/09/1993 - 18/10/1993

September - October 1993


Briefing by UN under Secretary General Eliasson on humanitarian aid; UN situation report on humanitarian assistance to Sudan and Somalia; Humanitarian needs in Iraq; Report by the Secretary General on El Salvador; Report of the Secretary-General on Mozambique; UN report on diversification fund for Africa's commodities; Statement by the UN Secretary General on Gaza and Jericho; Security Council statement on Rwanda and peace agreement; UN Secretary General report on Liberia; UN statement on meeting between Secretary General and Yasser Arafat; Security Council resolution on Angola; Situation of human rights in former Yugoslavia; Report of the Secretary General on Cyprus; Haiti - SC resolution 867; Inter-agency appeal for emergency relief to Lebanon; War crime tribunal; Sanctions against South Africa; 48th General Assembly - statement by Mr. Isetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-23** 20/10/1993 - 29/11/1993

October - November 1993

Mozambique peace process, Secretary General's report on the financial situation of the UN, Summary of the final report of the US Commission on improving the effectiveness of the UN, thoughts on peace-keeping operations, thoughts on the Bosnian conflict, report of the UN high commissioner for refugees, Secretary General's report on African development, US embargo against Cuba, imminent sanctions against Libya, mismanagement at the UN, situation in central America, invitation to the Secretary-General of the UN to address the European Parliament, zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-24** 10/12/1993 - 14/02/1994

December 1993 - February 1994

UN - preventative diplomacy; US/Cuba relations; Situation in El Salvador; Press release on Commission's signing of partnership with UNHCR; Presidential (Security Council) statement on Bosnia; Humanitarian assistance to Somalia; Resolution on South Africa; Major conclusions of EU report on 48th General Assembly; Documents on relations between Vatican and Israel; UN Secretary-General's report on Mozambique; Presidential statement on Croatian activity; Reactions to developments in Bosnia

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-25** 15/02/1994 - 28/03/1994

February - March 1994

Presentation by Manuel Marín, Vice President of the European Commission to the European Parliament on political context of humanitarian aid; Statistics on UNPROFOR; Greek/Macedonia issues; Secretary-General report on El Salvador; Situation in Mozambique; Russia's future relations with the West; Situation in Kosovo; Secretary-General's report on Cyprus; Situation in Georgia; Article on Security Council enlargement; Iraqi letter to the President of the Security Council

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-26** 29/03/1994 - 21/06/1994

March - June 1994

Situation in Nicaragua, statement by the President of the Security Council on North Korea, Situation in Macedonia/Greece, Bosnian request for the resignation of the UN Secretary General, UN resolution 913 on Bosnia, situation in Rwanda, Secretary-General's "Agenda for Development" - implications for the Commission, impending embargo on Haiti, land-mines, text of Viñas' presentation on prospects for the EU at Annual Meeting of the American Foreign Law Association, US guidelines on peacekeeping operations (PKO), EC contributions to the UN. The case of Mozambique, EC participation at High-Level meeting of ECOSOC, Security Council reform, US draft resolution on sanctions - North Korea, Cyprus - extension of UNFICYP's mandate, request for project financing in Belarus

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-27** 22/06/1994 - 11/10/1994

June - October 1994

Secretary General's briefing to the Security Council on Mozambique, Yemen and Rwanda; Statement by the European Commission at the High Level Segment of ECOSOC "Agenda for Development"; UNSG on Cyprus; Aid to Chernobyl victims; Cairo conference on population and development; Programme items for the Commissioners visit to New York; Report of the Secretary General on Haiti; Proposals for UN 50th anniversary; Article by Viñas on peacekeeping operations; EC coordination of the 1st committee; Speeches during Ministerial Week of 49th General Assembly; Statement by 5 permanent members of Security Council; Rwanda - report of the expert commission on grave violations of international humanitarian law including acts of genocide; Conclusions of European Council, Corfu June 1994; Contributions from the EC

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-28** 12/10/1994 - 22/12/1994

October - December 1994

Resolution 949 on Iraq; US embargo against Cuba; Security Council enlargement; UN operations in Mozambique; Lecture notes by Viñas on "The Iberian Dimension of the EU"; Report by the Secretary General on the Question of Western Sahara; Meeting of Ambassadors of Humanitarian Liaison Working Group (HLWG); Participation of the Community in the SDC; Report of the Secretary General on International Assistance for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Nicaragua; Report of the Secretary General on the Rwandese refugee camps; Financing of UN operation in Mozambique; Report of the multinational force in Haiti

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-29** 03/01/1995 - 31/01/1995

January 1995

Details of meeting of Rwanda Organisational Support Group; Symposium on new dimensions of UN peace-keeping operations; Situation in El Salvador; Statement on Bosnia by the President of the Security Council; Visit of Dr. Boutros-Ghali to Strasbourg and address to European Parliament; Croatian demand for withdrawal of UNPROFOR; Invitation to President Santer to attend the Social Summit; Report on situation in Mozambique; Presidency's report on 49th General Assembly

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-30** 01/02/1995 - 18/04/1995

February - April 1995

Security Council reform; New UN representative in Brussels; President Santer and the special commemorative meeting of the UN 50th anniversary and preparatory material; EC participation in SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation); Non-paper on Mozambique for French Presidency to the Under Secretary General for peace-keeping operations, Kofi Annan; Organisation of Schuman day reception; Paper on CFSP; Report on Burundi; Speech by the Secretary-General on peace-keeping; Paper by Viñas "Twenty Years of Iberian Democracy: An Assessment"; Paper on conflict prevention and peace-keeping in Africa

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-31** 20/04/1995 - 30/06/1995

April - June 1996

Publication on EU/UN relations; Rwanda requests to the Commission; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the UN; Visit of Commissioner Bonino to the UN; UN fiftieth anniversary; US sponsored meeting on Rwanda; Shaping up of draft SC resolution on UNPROFOR; SG report on Croatia; Address by the UN Secretary-General to the European Parliament; Security Council reform; UN seminar on Palestinian needs; UN Secretary-General on relations with the US; Information on Beijing Conference on Women; Security Council resolution on Liberia

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-32** 10/07/1995 - 31/10/1995

July - October 1995


Situation in Srebrenica; Information for fourth world conference on women, Beijing, Sept 1995; Situation in Bosnia; The US/UN - A view from New York; Paper by the Atlantic Council of the US - A Road Map for Restructuring Future US relations with Cuba; 50th session of the General Assembly of the UN; Marshall

Island's application for membership of the ACP/EU Group; Visit of Secretary-General to European Parliament; Address by Mr. Hans Van den Broek, Member of the European Commission on behalf of the EC at the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly, Oct 1995; Declaration on the 50th anniversary of the SCM; Presentation of EU/UN booklet
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-33** 03/11/1995 - 22/12/1995


November - December 1995

Secretary-General's visit to Strasbourg; Request from Department of Humanitarian Assistance to Viñas requesting funds from ECHO; Investigation of the relationship between humanitarian assistance and peace-keeping operations; Security Council decision to lift arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia; Secretary-General's report on violations of international humanitarian law; War crimes indictments by international tribunal for Yugoslavia; Speech by Viñas on Germany and the EU; EU contribution to the UN first fund for assistance in mine clearance; Situation in Eastern Slavonia
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-34** 04/01/1996 - 29/02/1996

January - February 1996

Report by the Spanish Presidency on human rights issues at the 50th UN General Assembly; UN report on lessons learned in Somalia and future implementation of peace-keeping; Establishment of diplomatic relations with the Marshall Islands; Columbia conference on the EU; Sudan/Ethiopian dispute; Anglo/French paper on UN finances; Visit of under Secretary-General for political affairs to Guatemala; Situation with Cuba; Invitation to electoral observers in Equatorial Guinea; Financial situation of UN; US/UN relationship; Italian engagements in the former Yugoslavia; Visit of Delors to New York
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-35** 01/03/1996 - 31/05/1996

March - May 1996


Presentation to the press of EU/UN brochure; Reform of the Security Council; Situation report on Liberia; Report on strengthening the UN's capacity for conflict prevention; UN special initiative on Africa; Ministerial week 1996; Delors's visit to NY May 1996; Statement by Mr. Elias Hraoui, President of Lebanon at the 50th resumed session of the UN general assembly, April 1996; UN debate on the Middle East; Speech by the Spanish Permanent Representative at the the 50th anniversary of the UN; Invitation to the Commission to attend workshop on South Africa; Legal notes on US sanctions on Cuba; US policy towards the UN
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-36** 03/06/1996 - 22/10/1996

June - October 1996

ECOSOC high level meeting, briefings on EU perceptions on Cuba; UN agreement on straddling stocks; EC contributions to the operational activities of the UN for international development; UN Security Council reform; Statement by Viñas, on behalf of the European Community at the High Level Segment of ECOSOC; Request from the Marshall Islands for diplomatic relations with the EC; Peace process in Mali; US views on UN; UN statistics on co-operation expenditure - contributions from the EC; Question of East Timor - Progress report of the Secretary-General; Electoral assistance to Zaire; visit of Sir Leon Brittan to New York; EU assistance to Eastern European Countries


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-37** 22/10/1996 - 20/12/1996

October - December 1996

US embargo against Cuba; UN reform in the Economic and Social Sectors; Report on UNRWA; Report of the Sanctions Committee on Former Yugoslavia; Draft General Assembly Resolution on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina; Emergency assistance to Burundi; The costs of "non-Latin America"; Human rights situation in Cuba; Guatemala - Report of the Secretary-General


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-38** 03/02/1997 - 14/07/1997

February - July 1997

On budgetary matters, NATO and anti-personnel mines, Conference on Human Rights and European Responsibilities, Amsterdam 1 March 1997, seminar in Athens on the implications of security with enlargement of NATO/EU, request by Iran concerning technical assistance in the field of human rights, The EU's Phare and Tacis democracy programme - projects in operation in 1996, international implications of enlargement, international election observations, non-paper on observation missions, European political co-operation, round table on the CFSP in the IGC, 9th European Union/Council of Europe quadripartite meeting held in Luxembourg, Phare programme in Romania, OSCE/ODIHR election observation handbook, speech by Viñas at the conference on parliamentary development programmes, Berlin


Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-39** 11/07/1997 - 04/02/1998

July 1997 - February 1998

Financing the CFSP, Council of Europe - meeting of EU ambassadors, paper by Viñas "The Comparative Context for Democratisation in Europe, South and East" for Symposium "The Making of Portuguese Democracy: Context and Repercussions" - New York; US/EU democratisation plan/visit of US Assistant secretary of State, points raised by UN organisations on co-financing by the Commission of UN programmes, non paper for G8 meeting - strengthening democracy initiative; remarks by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott to the Denver Summit of the Eight Initiative on Democracy and Human Rights; info on KEDO (organisation de developement energetique de la pininsule coreenne), indicative list of actions envisaged in 1998 in the framework of the Commission's work programme; Meeting of ministers of defense of the WEU; EU/US Summit Washington D.C. December 1997 - UN reform; Participation within the framework of the Council of Europe at a UN Conference on racism; Work programme 1998 - DG1A/A; Enlargement the EU - the way ahead (speech by Gunther Burghardt)

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-40** 13/02/1998 - 08/04/1998

February - April 1998

Strategy on human rights and Phare/Tacis programme, Border assistance by the Commission in support of OSCE mission in Croatia, CFSP and conflict prevention, debate on the implications of the introduction of the Euro for non-EU countries

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

AV-03 United Nations

1991-2002

20 files

In 1991 Angel Viñas was nominated head of the European Commission delegation at the General Assembly of the UN in New York, where it had already participated as observer since 1974. The Single European Act invited member countries to adopt a common approach in international organisations. Within the European political co-operation framework, there existed a working group on the UN. The position of the delegation was weak: composed of about 20 people, its influence marginal, because it was the rotating presidency of the Council which expressed the Community's viewpoint before the Assembly nor did not have the right to vote at plenary sessions. Initially the mission head did not benefit from the title of ambassador. His work was limited to helping in the co-ordination of member countries and in encouraging them to make joint declarations.

During his mission, the Commission succeeded in getting the UN to give Viñas the title of Ambassador for his work on the progress towards cohesion within the Union. Equipped with new prerogatives with the CSFP and the Maastricht Treaty (1993) and managed by the new Directorate General for international relations policy (DG 1A) under Director General Gunther Burghardt, the Commission delegation battled on the institutional plan to obtain "full participation" at important conferences such as the UNCED or participation at special sessions of the General Assembly. On the policy level, it dealt with multiple crises: the beginnings of the division of Yugoslavia, threats in the Caucasus, the genocide in Rwanda. Peacekeeping operations and the safeguarding of human rights were from now on at the centre of the UN mission for which the European Union displayed its diplomatic endeavours and divisions in mobilising its operational and financial means.


GERMAN; SPANISH; FRENCH

AV-03.01 Ambassador to UN

1991-1997

9 files


Files concerning matters of importance during Angel Viñas' period as head of the Commission Delegation to the UN.

 **File: AV-41** 03/12/1991 - 09/12/1996

UN Secretary-General

Press releases, press clippings, information documents, notes on Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali and his objectives in the post, activities, accomplishments etc. from his appointment as Secretary-General of the UN for five years from 1 January 1992; Transcripts of press conferences, statements and speeches by Boutros-Ghali

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-42** 1992 - 1993
Security Council 1992-1993

Letters concerning the workings and composition of the Security Council and four papers on the subject, entitled: *Procedure and Practice of the Security Council Today* by Anthony Aust, *A Diplomat's View* by Cameron R. Hume, *The Role Played by Permanent Members in the Actions of the Security Council* by Francis Delon, *Resolutions and Vetoes in the UN Security Council: Their Relevance and Significance* by Sally Morphet
Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-43** 27/01/1993 - 18/12/1996
The European Community Within the UN


Information notes, letters and faxes covering Viñas' activities on behalf of the Community in New York, EU co-ordination at UN conferences and work of UN and reform of the Security Council, includes: Report entitled *View from the New York Delegation* describing the participation of the Community in UN organs and conferences with Commission staff working paper; Organisation of visits of members of the Commission and Parliament to the delegation and vice versa; Report on the non-Aligned movement in the General assembly; Information on General Assemblies; Participation in working group on Security Council; Notes on straddling stocks and other fishery issues; Ruling on the Commission's observer status in the Economic Commission for Europe - possible implications at the UN; Various notes on UNGA 50th anniversary celebrations; Speech by Sir David Hannay - *The UN: A European Agenda*; Details of delegation's activities in 1996 and priorities for 1997
Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-44** 10/09/1992 - 25/06/1996
Speeches by Angel Viñas


Texts of speeches given by Ambassador Angel Viñas in his position as Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the UN concerning the democratisation of Europe, Spain's identity within Europe, includes: *Europe after the Edinburgh Summit and the Franco-German alliance*, Harvard (1993); *Rethinking Western Europe - The Contribution of the EC and the Transition Towards the European Union*, New York (1993)
Language: ENGLISH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-46** 30/10/1992 - 09/06/1997
European Perspectives - Press Cuttings

Extracts from European press and some information sheets and bulletins concerning: Amsterdam Summit, Britain's sovereignty issues, the Euro, Maastricht and economic and monetary union, the Schengen agreement, EC member countries' relations, enlargement, issues within institutions of EC, Bosnia situation, thoughts on a federal Europe, the principle of subsidiarity, institutional development of the EC, effects of ERM, ratification of the EEA agreement
Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-47** 26/03/1992 - 16/09/1996
The UN under Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali

Information sheets, press cuttings, bulletins, speeches, background notes on the UN under Dr. Boutros-Ghali with information on internal workings, general assemblies, administration and activities, includes: Reports by the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organisation and important decisions on working groups; Report on the restructuring and revitalisation of the UN; Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the UN in 1995; Report of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the UN system; EU statement on "New and Restored Democracies"; General Assembly resolution on the establishment of an International Criminal Court; Draft replies to questionnaire submitted to Commissioner van den Broek by the Director of the UN Office in Brussels
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file



 **File: AV-49** 12/01/1993 - 17/04/1996

EC Participation in Commission for Sustainable Development (SDC)

UN rules of procedure for the SDC project and the EC's participation with details of demarches and summary of the issues at stake and actions to be taken, includes information on status of Community in SDC; Copy of various decisions and statements to be proposed by Commission to ECOSOC Commission on sustainable development

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


  **File: AV-50** 06/07/1994 - 05/12/1996

Commission/UN Delegation

Correspondence sent between the Commission, External Relations Directorate and the delegation in New York concerning administrative matters, conferences, meetings such as: arrangements concerning the office of the General Secretariat of the Council in New York and preparations for the 50th anniversary of UN and President Santer's involvement; Report on establishment of UNICEF office in Brussels; Note on threats against a member of the delegation

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-51** 22/12/1994 - 04/01/1996

Security Council 1995

Notes, memos, press releases, letters on workings of the Security Council and its reform, includes: Position papers by Boutros Boutros-Ghali, "A Supplement to an Agenda for Peace" and "Peacekeeping"; Notes on work of open-ended Working Group on Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council with statements and proposals by permanent mission ambassadors; Press release on implementation of Dayton Agreement; Country statements on proposals for reform; Reports on the open ended working group on Security Council reform

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **AV-03.02 EC/UN Relations**


1994-2002

7 files

Files concerning EC/UN relations and cooperation during the period when Angel Viñas was Director for multilateral relations (DG1A) in the DG for External Affairs. The objectives of the Delegation included co-ordination, reporting on UN

activities, protection of the Community's interests and providing information as requested on developments in the UN.

ENGLISH; FRENCH


 **File: AV-52** 22/10/1997 - 20/07/2001

EU/UN Co-operation (1)

Notes, reports, discussion papers and memos concerning EU/UN relations in the post-Amsterdam period, concerning: international drugs issues, peace and security, situation in Kosovo and Iraq, US-UN relations, financial contributions to UN - resolution of UN financial crisis, human rights, Millenium Summit, co-operation in crisis management, peace keeping operations, co-operation between UN and Regional Organisations in area of peace and security

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-53** 03/10/2000

Visit of UN Secretary General to European Parliament

Briefing file for the visit of M. Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General to the European Parliament, containing: steering brief, timetable and details of Troika meeting with UNSG in the margins of UNGA, New York 13 Sept 2000, EU/UN cooperation, conflict prevention and crisis management, the Balkans and Kosovo, East Timor crisis, Humanitarian Aid: ECHO/UN (UNHCR, etc.) and meeting of Commissioner Patten with Mrs. Ogata, financial co-operation: EC/UN agreement

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-54** 22/01/2001 - 11/05/2001


EU/UN Co-operation (2)

Information notes on the participation of the EU in the organs of the UN; Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament - Building an Effective Partnership with the UN in the Fields of Development and Humanitarian Affairs (SEC(93)361)

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: SEC(93)361


 **File: AV-55** 25/01/2001 - 22/03/2001

Interservice Group on Co-ordination of Relations with the UN (UN ISG)

File notes, minutes of the 1st meeting of the UN ISG, of which Viñas was President, and papers for Relex commissioners on Community/UN relations, includes: Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on building an effective partnership with the UN in the fields of development and humanitarian affairs

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-56** 22/10/1997 - 05/03/2002

EC Influence in the Organisations of the UN

Memos and working papers on community participation in UN organs includes: Reflection note on EU/UN relations in the Post-Amsterdam period; Memo on EU relations with the UN and OSCE on conflict prevention and crisis management; Draft on guidelines and modalities for the EU/UN dialogue on conflict prevention; Status and representation of the EC in UN bodies based in New York; Memo on Patten/Nielson meeting on EC/UN relations in the field of development and humanitarian affairs

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-57** 19/01/2000 - 17/07/2000

Relations Between EC/UN in 2000

Notes, memos and discussion documents concerning formal agreements with the UN, relations between the Commission and the UN system, development issues, co-ordination in the information field, elections: fragility of Commission approaches, includes: letter from the Court of Auditors to Commissioner Patten regarding the agreement between the UN and the EC on the principles applying to the financing or co-financing by the Community of programmes and projects administered by the UN; Orientation paper for discussions among Relex Commissioners on the relations between the European Commission and the UN

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-58** 01/08/1994

Meeting on Co-operation between the UN and the Regional Organisations

Report of high-level meeting between UN and 10 regional organisations including EU with a view to enhancing cooperation and peace

Language: ENGLISH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-03.03 Administrative Issues in Delegation of the European Commission to the UN**

1991-1996

4 files

Files regarding administration of the Commission Delegation to the UN. Objectives of the delegation were the coordination, reporting and protection of the Community's interests and provide information on and to the UN


 **File: AV-48** 20/07/1994 - 10/04/1995

Accreditation

Notes and correspondence concerning Liaison office of the General Secretariat of the European Council accreditation to the UN in New York to regularise the status of the staff of the office as a result of entry into force of the Treaty on EU

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-59** 05/04/1993 - 05/09/1996

Blue Book

File concerning the diplomatic status of the Delegation at the UN

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **AV-04 Human Rights**

1994-2003

42 files

During the reform in late 1999 of the DG Relex, Burghardt requested that Viñas take over the small planning team for external relations which the new Prodi Commission wished to strengthen. Viñas produced

notes for his Commissioner Chris Patten. But human rights and Latin America were no longer the priorities, instead the major issues were relations with the US and the Commission's relations with the CEC. Viñas went from disappointment to disappointment. The new Amsterdam Treaty offered new perspectives to the Community with regard to the defence of human rights, but resources were limited. Viñas was responsible for elaborating a strategy and preparing a declaration which however when approved did not reflect its original ambitions.

The files concerning the Commission's role in promoting human rights and democratisation with studies of EU institutions' policy statements and commitments on human rights, including EU common strategies and positions, statements from UN, international bodies, Commissioner's speeches and the EP position as well as human rights/democratisation clauses included in EC co-operation agreements and treaties. The results permit the researcher to understand the EC/EU actual positions on these issues.

Following the communication to the Commission concerning the reform of external aid of May 16, 2000 from the year 2001, the SCR/EuropeAid was made responsible in the field of human rights for project identification while the management of funds remained with Relex.


AV-04.01 Commission Initiatives

1995-2003

24 files

Documents concerning the Commission's priorities and strategies with regard to human rights as an integral part of its external relations' policy and co-operation with the UN in promoting awareness of issues involved.

ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

 **File: AV-62** 17/03/1998 - 17/12/1998

Tenders: Support for the EIDHR

Notes on selection of a shortlist to tender for the support to be provided to the European Initiative for Democracy and for Human Rights (EIDHR)

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-63** 30/06/1998 - 30/09/2000


EIDHR

Briefing for Commissioner Van den Broek - Foreign Affairs Committee: European initiative for democracy and human rights (EIDHR);

2000 draft programming table for EIDHR

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-64** 17/01/1997 - 20/01/1999


Commission Projects 1997 - 1999

Reports on the various activities of the Commission on human rights with details of meetings of the interservice group, includes: Information on the provision of electoral assistance - technical support; Memo on Phare and Tacis democracy programme; Budgetary details; Conference of Amsterdam on Human Rights with paper by Viñas: Human Rights Protection and Support for Democracy - The level of the EU; Background paper on human rights steering Committee
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-65** 12/04/2000 - 19/05/2000

Contacts with EHRF

Material including correspondence with European Human Rights Foundation from the RELEX DG concerning human rights, includes: Memo providing terms of reference for technical and administrative assistance for the European initiative for democracy and human rights; Communication to the Commission from Chris Patten regarding contract to provide a Technical Assistance Office (TAO) by direct agreement with the EHRF and subsequent details of contract
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-66** 26/01/2000 - 13/04/2000


UN High Commission for Human Rights (1)

File includes Annual Appeal 2000 - overview of activities and financial requirements of UNCHR; Memo on current state of affairs regarding major initiatives
 Language: ENGLISH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-67** 24/04/2001 - 07/05/2001


UN High Commission on Human Rights (2)

Correspondence concerning week of the UN Commission on human rights (UNCHR) and the various activities organised
 Language: ENGLISH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-68** 08/09/1998 - 08/09/2000

COHOM

File containing reports of COHOM (Human Rights Working Group) meetings with information on ECOSOC, UNGA 53 - draft EU statement on human rights instruments, activities of the UN high Commissioner for human rights, human rights dialogue with China - East Timor, EU activities for the 50th anniversary of the EDHR, death penalty, racism
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-69** 21/06/2000 - 08/09/2000

CONUN

Reports and notes concerning the United Nations Council Working Group's activities - EU/China dialogue, HIV/Aids situation, EU/UN relations in crisis management and conflict prevention, UNGA 55 Millenium Summit on LDC's
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-70** 17/09/1997 - 06/10/1997


Denver G8 Summit

Various papers, background notes and speeches for summit includes Human Rights and the EU, US submission to Democracy Initiative Experts Meeting,

Progress review and recommendations of the 3rd international conference of the New or Restored Democracies on Democracy and Development, German position paper - Democracy and Human Rights, Non paper for G-8 meeting - "Strengthening Democracy Initiative", Canada's contribution "Democracy, Human Rights and Peacebuilding - Working Group of the Eight" ; Misson report drawn up by Viñas on conclusion of summit

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-71** 14/04/1999

Human Rights Regulations

Briefing notes for Hans van den Broek for speech to European Parliament, includes speaking note, defensive points, background information, draft written procedure, 1999 call for procedures, van den Broek's speech to EP 16 Oct 1998

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-72** 1997 - 2001

HR Diplomatic Missions

Conference and seminar material with invitations, speeches, name badges, lists of delegates, programmes for meetings etc on the EU and United Nations, Human Rights issues, CFSP, enlargement, regional organisations and initiatives, Central Europe initiative, includes: intervention by Viñas on Parliamentary Development Programmes; Conference on challenges facing Latvia

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-73** 2000

Cuba

Memos on human rights issues in Cuba and evaluation by the Commission of the common position regarding Cuba

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-74** 2001

Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

Correspondence, notes, conclusions and reports on World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa (31 Aug - 7 Sept); Proposals of Working Group of 21 to review the draft programme of action; Council conclusions on the WCAR to which it is associated, SI(2001)852

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: SI(2001)852

 **File: AV-75** 1998 - 2001

South Mediterranean and Middle East - Regional Strategy 1998 - 2001

Notes concerning human rights and democratisation programme in this region and EU strategy, includes: Discussion paper on human rights in the Mediterranean - Towards an EU Strategy; Speech by Chris Patten, member of the European Commission responsible for External Relations "The EU and Morocco - Close Partnership in Regional Leadership"


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-76** 1997 - 2000

EU-China Initiatives on Human Rights

Information and background notes, reports, discussion papers concerning EU-China bilateral dialogue on human rights and cooperation with relation to the Falun Gong and violations of civil and political rights in China; China in the UN; Visit of Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji to Brussels, July 2000 ; Memo on COHOM/COASI joint meeting on human rights in Asia
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-77** 23/05/1995 - 20/12/2001

Communications on Human Rights (2)

Communications, reports and staff working papers on human rights, titles include: Inclusion of Respect for Democratic Principles and Human Rights in Agreements between the Community and Third Countries; The EU and the External Dimension of Human Rights Policy; Democratisation, the Rule of Law, Respect for Human Rights and Good Governance: The Challenges of the Partnership between the EU and the ACP states; Trade Preferences and Human Rights; Initiatives to Promote the Respect for Human Rights and Democratic Principles in External Relations during the period 1996-1999; Implementation of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights in 2000; European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights Programming Document 2002-2004
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: COM(95)216, 567; COM(96)672; COM(98)148; COM(2000)726; SEC(2001)801

 **File: AV-78** 20/06/1997 - 09/10/1998

Speeches by Angel Viñas

Speeches made at Human Rights Conferences: Democracy and Human Rights, Enlargement of the EU and the Baltic States, Breaking the Shackles of the Past: External and Internal Liberating Effects of EU Membership, The EU and Human Rights - Towards and Agenda for the Year 2000

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-79** 1998 - 2003

Articles on Human Rights

Articles, book excerpts, reviews, policy statements on international efforts to promote human rights, includes: Submission to the House of Lords, EU Committee, "The Drafting of the EU Charter on Human Rights - Issues and Perspectives" by Dr G. Quinn

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-80** 2000 - 2001

Priorities

File concerning focus of Commission's HR programme: EU evaluation of 53rd session of the Human Rights Commission and priorities; Details of Commission Human Rights Education Programme, 2000; Paper on relationship between human rights and external relations; Briefing note on outstanding issues in Commission's agenda regarding human rights

Language: ENGLISH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-81** 17/07/1998 - 25/11/1998

Co-operation with EHRF

Memos and notes on DG 1A's relations with the EHRF with details on contract, the human rights budget, European initiative for democracy and human rights, human

rights projects, management of the human rights budget lines, operational conclusions, wrangling within EU over funds, expertise and technical support for programmes, 1998 Micro Project Scheme; Sector letter on the EHRF
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-82** 17/04/2000 - 22/03/2001

Communications on Human Rights (1)

Reports, comments, details of meetings on proposed calendar for adoption of communication, suggestions and proposals, revised structure of communication and remarks concerning draft and final communication entitled: The EC as a Catalyst for Democratisation and Human Rights World-wide - A New Strategy to Maximise the Impact of Community Policies, includes: Draft paper from DG Relex B1 in consultation with geographical and thematic services and the European Cooperation Office - Programming Human Rights and Democracy - Excerise 2001; Contributions of External Relations DG on Commission's Communication - "A Catalyst for Change"; Internal discussion document on revised communication from Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - The European Union's role in promoting human rights and democratisation; Briefing note on the RELEX position on the preparation of the 2002 budget on Human Rights and Democracy Budget lines

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-83** 2000 - 2001

Projects 2000-2001

Documents concerning community co-operation framework for country strategy papers

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: SEC(2000)1049


 **File: AV-101** 1998

Central America

Proposal on financing of human rights programme in Central America

Language: SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-102** 1998 - 1999

Management of Human Rights - SCR and DG Relex

File on reforming the management of human rights programmes between the SCR and the DG Relex

Language: ENGLISH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-04.02 Administration and Financing of Human Rights Projects**

1995-2001


8 files

Documents concerning identification of projects and allocation of budgets for human rights programmes.

 **File: AV-84** 09/09/1996 - 17/01/1997

Administrative Reorganisation

File concerning the re-organisation of files on human rights, democratisation and observation missions, includes: agendas and minutes of meetings of Steering Committee, strategies, information notes, correspondence, includes: note on visit to the European Commission and the European Parliament of Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson; Note on symposium on human rights field operations ;
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-85** 11/02/1998 - 02/05/2000


Chapter B7-7 of the Commission Budget

Memos and notes detailing the procedures for Ch B7-7, the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights and mission reports on budget programme, includes: Guidelines for Applicants to call for proposals and grant application form; Communication on human rights and democratisation in external relations; Details of priorities for budget 2001; Information note on approach of DG1B towards co-operation in the field of democratisation and human rights; Briefing prepared for Cabinet meeting with President on all priorities of the Human Rights and Democratisation Unit of DG1A; Memo for attention of Mr Burghardt, DG on reform of the human rights and democratisation programme and continuity through the European Human Rights Foundation; 2000 draft programming table; Guidelines for applicants to Call for Proposals 2001; Grant application form
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-86** 2000

Human Rights Financial Concerns

Financial documents, notifications, minutes of meetings, programming 2000 - European initiative for democracy and human rights (chapter B7-7)
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-87** 17/05/1999 - 28/05/1999

Financing for Human Rights and Democracy Programme

Communications, notes and memos concerning Human Rights and Democracy Budget Lines, includes: Communication to the Commission by Mr. Van Den Broek in agreement with the President on Bridging contract by direct agreement with the EHRF to provide technical assistance; Commission decision on projects and programmes to be financed from the resources of the general budget of the European Communities; Note on DHR external support in 1999; Information memo from DG XIX to the Commission - Implementation of budget headings for operations relating to human rights and democracy (Title B7-7 of the general budget); Notes on expertise and technical support for the European initiative for democracy and human rights
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-88** 1998

Strategy Paper

Summary strategy paper on the use of 1998 budget lines of Chapter B7-70 managed by DG1A
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-89** 2000 - 2001

Programming of Budget Lines

Financial papers concerning budget lines for various projects - MEDA Democracy programme (MDP), Human Rights in Central America 2001-2005, Process of democratisation in Latin America 2000; Commission reply to the special report of the European Court of Auditors on the management by the Commission of the EU of support for the development of human rights and democracy in third countries; Annual report concerning the financial year 2001; European Court of Auditors reports on EU support to human rights and democracy in the PHARE and TACIS countries and the management by the Commission of the EU support for the development of human rights and democracy in third countries and Commission reply to report

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-90** 29/09/1995 - 10/07/1998

Financing Human Rights

Memos on the utilisation of budget lines of Chapter B7-70 "European Initiative for the democratisation and human rights"; Motion for a resolution further to the Commission statement on behalf of the PPE Group; European Commission: Vademecum on grant management

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-100** 30/10/1998 - 13/11/1998

Budget - 1999

Preparations for human rights budget 1999 - organisation of meetings, details of budget exercise 1998, written procedure for European Masters Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation, human resources, human rights agency, European Parliament - plenary session on budget and questions posed to President Santer

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

AV-04.03 Election Observation

1994-2001

2 files

Electoral assistance organised by DG1A involved analysis and policy prescription and election observation operations in effort to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

 **File: AV-91** 04/07/1994 - 19/02/2001

Election Observation Policy

Details of meetings of the CFSP Human Rights Working Group, reports on work in progress, budget details for election monitoring, notes on reform of democratisation and human rights programme management and discussion papers concerning Commission's electoral assistance where needed with regard to analysis and policy prescription and election observation operations, includes: Summary report on EU/EC electoral assistance; Report by Boutros Boutros Ghali on support by the UN system of the efforts of governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies; Non-paper on election monitoring; Strategic recommendation and budgetary estimates - EU Election observers, Bosnia Herzegovina Sept 1997; Commission communication to the Council and Parliament - Democratisation, the rule of law, respect for human rights and good governance: the challenges of the partnership between the EU and ACP states; Memo on community support granted to the OSCE for the organisation of elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina between 1996-1998; Internal discussion paper

from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - The EU's role in promoting human rights and democratisation: A Catalyst for Change; Memo on observation on the parliamentary elections in Zimbabwe; Information note on financing of monitoring/technical assistance to Albanian parliamentary elections; EP report on the Commission communication on EU election assistance and observation

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-227** 06/08/1996 - 02/09/1999

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Material concerning EU support to the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina under the aegis of the OSCE, includes financing agreement drawn up by the Court of Auditors supporting the OSCE for election monitoring mission (1996-1999)

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

AV-04.04 Human Rights and Democratisation Project

1997-2001

8 files

The European Commission and in particular the DG for External Affairs played a key role in defining the Union's human rights policy. In order to provide a framework for the Union's activities in this field, since 1995 the Commission published a large number of communications dealing with the policy's various priorities. One of the projects developed was the European Initiative for Human Rights and Democracy, which was a horizontal programme that aimed to promote and support human rights and democracy in third countries.


 **File: AV-92** 12/05/1997 - 09/03/1998

Human Rights and Democratisation Strategy

Reports, papers notes on devising a strategy for Human Rights activities, includes: Paper on 1998 budget line; Briefing papers for Commissioner Patten in view of meeting on human rights and democratisation concerning commitment of funds; Memo on the re-organisation of the management of the democratisation and the human rights budget lines; Details of service contract on assistance with the financial and administrative management of the Phare and Tacis Democracy Programme; Strategy paper for the use of budget lines under the responsibility of DG1A; Strategy for the countries of former Yugoslavia; File note on interservice co-ordination in the field of human rights; Summary strategy paper on the use of budget lines of Chapter B7-70 managed by DG1A (budget 1998); Paper on democratisation and human rights management reform

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-93** 21/01/1998

Meeting with M. Van den Broek

Material concerning the meeting between DG 1A and Commissioner Van den Broek on human rights and democratisation regarding: a new structure for the initiative, legal basis of funding, priorities, includes: paper on EU support for democracy in former Yugoslavia

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-94** 06/02/1998 - 26/06/1998

2nd and 3rd Meetings of Steering Committee for Human Rights and Democratisation

File containing material on 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Steering Committee, includes agendas, minutes, details of budget for 1998, drafts of report, details of 45th meeting of the Interservice Group on Human Rights, role of the advisory working party created by the European Parliament within the framework of the 1998 budget, chapter B7-70

Language: FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-95** 26/06/1998 - 13/07/1998

Steering Committee of the Human Rights and Democratisation Programme

Organisational file with agendas, minutes of meetings of Steering Committee, strategies, information notes, correspondence, includes: note on visit to the European Commission and the European Parliament of Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson; Note on symposium on human rights field operations

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-96** 19/10/2000 - 08/05/2001

Human Rights Communication

Notes, revised drafts and proposals on internal discussion documents on human rights in particular on agreement between ACP and EU and discussion on draft chapters of the Human Rights Communication - The European Community as a Catalyst for Democratisation and Human Rights World-wide: A New Strategy to Maximise the Impact of Community Policies. File also contains details of meetings of the Interservice HR Group on the draft Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament; Draft Council conclusions on the Commission's Communication on Human Rights and Democratisation; Revised versions of Communication; Extracts from the Cotonou Agreement (ACP-EU); Final version of communication from Mr Patten and Mr Nielson to the Commission, COM(2001)252/3

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: COM(2001)252/3

 **File: AV-97** 10/06/1998

13th meeting of Steering Committee for Human Rights and Democratisation

Minutes of meeting with agenda and annexes, items discussed: Relations with the UN on human rights and the visit to the Commission of Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; External assistance to the European Foundation for Human Rights; Progress of draft regulation on human rights; Work of interservice groups on human rights; 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights

Language: FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-98** 01/10/1998

15th meeting of Steering Committee for Human Rights and Democratisation

Minutes of meeting with agenda and annexes, items discussed: Exchange of views with M. Soubestres on the division of tasks between the SCR and the DGs Relex in the human rights area; 50th anniversary of the universal declaration on human rights; Common strategy on human rights - work of interservice groups

Language: FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-99** 1998 - 2001

EuropeAid Co-operation Office

Reports of meetings and project funding summary sheets as part of European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights , includes: Briefing for Viñas on state of advancement of the 2002-2004 programming exercise for human rights and democratisation

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **AV-05 Latin America and Asia**

1981-2002


9 files

As a Spaniard, Angel Viñas participated in a movement which the government of Madrid promoted which reflected its traditional interest in Latin America, within the European institutions. In such a context the idea was conceived that Spain could serve as a "promoter of links" between Europe and the Latin-American sub-continent. From January 1983 to March 1987, Angel Viñas assumed the functions of advisor to the two socialist ministers for Foreign Affairs, Fernando Morán and Francisco Ordoñez, writing notes on security problems and on the creation of an office for analysing and forecasting external policies which would be responsible for making contacts with those existing in London, Paris and Bonn. When the cabinet was realised, Ordoñez entrusted Angel Viñas the job devising ways and means for promoting relations between the Community and Latin America within the perspective of the first European Council at which Spain participated. In April 1987, Claude Cheysson who was responsible for DG 1 (Commercial Policy and North-South Relations) named, on the recommendation of the Spanish government, Angel Viñas responsible for the relations of the Community with Latin America and Asia within the Directorate. His role consisted then in guiding Commission attention, which was traditionally and historically centred on Africa and the Mediterranean, in reinforcing commercial and political relations with the sub-continent. From the beginning of the 1980's, relations between the Community with the region was limited to bi-lateral commercial relations with individual countries such as Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Mexico and the extension to the sector of co-operation with non-associated developing countries was launched in 1984. The entry of Spain to the Community coincided with the Falklands war and the central American Nicaraguan Sandinista conflict, events which revealed the incoherencies and the faults in the Community's position with regard to Latin America, opening the way to change. On the 22 June 1987, on the recommendation of the Commission, the Council approved a strategic document which

intensified the Community's relationship with Latin America: it recognised that this perspective should lead to a reinforcement of the presence of the Commission in the area, and an intensification of political dialogue, an increase in developmental aid in favour of deprived countries and the reinforcement of regional co-operation. At the end of 1987, Viñas participated at Commission/Rio Group meetings where the combination of peace, democracy and development was suggested as a solution to the central American conflict. Between 1988 and 1991, despite the reluctance shown by certain services in Brussels, who did not share the Commission's view that the Community's representation in South America should be expanded, several delegations were opened in Central America, and later at Montevideo, Buenos-Aires, Lima and Santiago after the political change in 1989. Viñas organised in this context a meeting between Cheysson and Spanish Prime Minister Gonzalez at Moncloa. With the second presidency of Delors, in January 1989, the Spaniard Abel Matutes took over from Cheysson. Viñas and his colleagues set about increasing the network of contacts with diplomats and Latin-American entrepreneurs, elaborating detailed plans for the evolution of trade, and putting forward a strategy aiming at improving the aid mechanisms for development. In 1989 the agreements known as the "Third Generation" were signed between the Community, Argentina, Chile and later with Paraguay and Uruguay, countries which had suffered under military dictators. They founded their cooperative relationships based on respect for democratic principles and human rights. This was followed by actions supporting national legislation in the area of agricultural reform, regional development and the re-launch of commercial trade: the formation of industrial and trade union executives, modernisation of some ministerial and municipal services in Central America, assistance in the creation of micro-enterprises in urban centres, exemptions to the community preferences in favour of Andean countries such as Bolivia and Colombia who wished to put an end to the cocaine culture, support for the proposals extending the system of generalised preferences (SPG) to countries in central America within the framework of the Uruguay round (1986-1990), in opposition to France and the DG for Commercial Policy. The Council approved in December 1990 a financial packet without precedent, of 2.750 millions ecu to support its actions. Based on the proposition of the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, De Michelis, on the 20 December 1990, the first common declaration between the two continents was made in Rome: the Council could appeal to the European Investment Bank to realise its operations in Latin America and on institutional procedure to the institutionalisation of dialogue with the Rio Group and that of San José. In the regulation established for this end in 1992, it was stipulated that in the case of

fundamental and persistent violations of human rights, aid could be suspended. The instruments for cooperation were equally based on the principles of protection for the environment, the good management of public affairs and the liberalisation of trade.

The restructuring of the DG, which followed the retirement of Director General Durieux saw the creation of a specific Direction for Latin America which Viñas occupied until he left the DG in November 1991.

 **File: AV-103** 06/10/1986 - 01/08/1989


EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia in the 1980's

Briefing documents, reports, official papers includes: Spanish report on Relations between Europe and Latin America - A future to be worked for; Commission paper "The European Community and Latin America"; Suggestions for future cooperation; Commission document "El dialogo Europa América Latina Asia"; 11th report from the Commission to the Council and European Parliament on the implementation of financial and technical assistance to Latin American and Asian (LAA) developing countries, COM(88)715; Ten year plan presented by the Commission for 13 years of development co-operation with the developing countries of Latin America and Asia (data results), SEC(87)13

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: COM(88)715; SEC(89)13


 **File: AV-104** 25/01/1990 - 21/12/1990

EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia in 1990

Working documents, reports, briefing papers and information notes, includes: EP session document on the proposal from the Commission to the Council setting general guidelines for 1990 for financial and technical assistance to Latin America and Asian developing countries; Analysis of the performance of Latin American Exports to the EC; Inventory of economic cooperation between EC/LAA and Mediterranean countries; Cooperation with Brazil; Statistical information on technical and financial cooperation with Latin America and Asia; Legal framework of cooperation; List of instruments available for co-operation with LDC in Latin America and the Mediterranean budget for 1990 and draft budget 1991; Declaration of Caracas, 12/10//1990 on regional co-operation; Proposal for a Council resolution on the conclusion of a framework agreement for co-operation between EEC and Republic of Chile, COM(90)560; DG1A communication on development co-operation in Latin America in the 1990's, economic integration and political pluralism in Latin America

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-105** 04/02/1991 - 06/10/1991

EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia in 1991

Material such as reports, briefing papers, minutes of meetings, press cuttings and articles concerning EU and Latin America and Asia, includes: Council conclusions on orientations of cooperation; Presentation of actions in central America and Mexico financed by 1990 budget; Commission document on EC international investment partners; Conclusions of Ministerial meeting between EC and the Rio Group; Statistical information on economic cooperation in development and humanitarian aid with the LDC of Latin America and Asia; List of texts of instruments available for co-operation with the LDC of Latin America, Asia and the Mediterranean for budget 1991


Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-106** 1981 - 2002


Articles

Articles, Commission reports and communications to the Council, essays, statistics and numbers and book excerpts, includes: "The Relations between the EC and Latin America - The Community's Point of View" by Gerd Beinhardt; "Europe and the Economic Crisis of Latin America"; Tenth report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the Implementation of Financial and Technical Assistance to Latin American and Asian (LAA) Developing Countries; "Evolución histórica de las relaciones comerciales entre América Latina y la CEE" ; "The EC and Latin America, A Case Study in Global Role Expansion" by A. Glenn Mower; OECD report "Development and Democracy - Aid Policies in Latin America"; "Europe and Iberoamerica" by Eduardo Cuenca Garcia
Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-107** 17/05/2002

EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia 2002 - EU Latin America and Caribbean Summit, Madrid

Political statement on Madrid compromise formulated by the Heads of States and governments of the EU, Latin America and Caribbean on the strategic association between both areas in political, economic, social and cultural sectors
Language: SPANISH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-108** 23/04/19921992 - - 08/03/19991999

EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia 1992-1999

Seminar documents, reports, information sheets, includes: Paper on the relationship between Europe-Latin America within the context of the Single European Market; Commission document on financial situation of cooperation; Working paper on community relations with Latin America after Maastricht; Conclusions of the 3rd Institutionalised Ministerial meeting between the EC and the Rio Group, held in Copenhagen April 1993; Letter dated 30 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN regarding the conclusions of the 2nd Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government; Summary of EC's trade with Central America; Information note on EC's trade with the Rio Group; Chronological list of cooperation activities before 1990 presented by beneficiary and by budget line; Tables on EC technical and financial cooperation for Asia (1993-1997) and for Latin America (1993-2000); Report on Latin America in the 1990's; Report by Marie-Chantal Barre - Les Relations de l'Union Europeenne avec l'Americque Latine; Staff working documents of EuropeAid Co-operation Office - Report on the Implementation of the European Commission External Assistance; Communication from the Commission; Commission working paper concerning the establishment of an association agreement between the EU and Chile, SEC(1998)1425
Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file
Old Record Code: SEC(1998)1425

 **File: AV-109** 2000 - 2001

EC Relations with Latin-America and Asia 2000 - 2001

Reports, information sheets and notes on the EU and Latin America and Asia, includes: Commission document "The Present Situation and Prospects for Closer Partnership 1996-2000"; Mission report of Mr Baiges (DG1) in Venezuela and Colombia, July 2001; Staff working paper - Report on the Implementation of European Commission External Assistance; Commission communication - Europe and Asia: A strategic framework for enhanced partnerships
Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-110** 1992 - 2000

Speeches and Conference Papers

Intervention by Juan Prat DG for North South Relations at seminar on "Integration of Europe and the Americas";

Speech by Jacques Santer at the Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL) - "The EC and America: Co-responsibility in a World of Change";


Paper given by Viñas at Graduate Center of CUNY: "The Iberian Dimension of the EU: Some Thoughts";

Presentation by Juan Prat at Conference on Meeting the Investment Needs of Latin America - "Europe and Latin America in Investment and Trade";

Paper by Viñas "Community Relations with Latin America: Past Present and Future"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-114** 1991

Council Legislation on Latin America

Photocopy of official journal of the EC regarding legislation

Language: SPANISH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-05.01 Cuba**

1993-1997

3 files

Files concerning Cuba.


 **File: AV-111** 28/10/1993 - 02/12/1993

Council of Foreign Relations

Documents produced by Latin American Programme Study Group - Cuba's Future: Prospects and Dangers - An Examination of US Policy Options

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-112** 1993 - 1995

Articles

The Relationship Between the EC and Cuba by Wolf Grabendorff in "Cuba's Ties to a Changing World" ed. Donna Rich Kaplowitz;


Cuba and the US: Back to the Beginning by Mark Falcoff, in "World Affairs", Winter 1994, Vol.156. No. 3;

The Cuban Revolution and the US: A Cultural Perspective by Mark Falcoff;

A Road Map for Restructuring Future US Relations with Cuba (Policy Paper Series of The Atlantic Council of the US)

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-113** 1997 - 1997

EU/Cuba

Notes on common policy for Cuba

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

AV-06 External Policy

1975-2002

78 files

Files pertaining to Angel Viñas' work as Director for Multilateral Relations (Directorate A) within DG1 A (External Relations). Directorate A had two main responsibilities: (1) taking care of certain specific policy areas such as human rights and democratization and security. For security policy it was the only point of contact in the entire Commission. Its work included relationships with the WEU, NATO and OSCE and their subsidiary or related organisation. In the area of human rights policy, it co-ordinated Commission policies and implemented several budget lines of Chapter 7-70. In these areas, it interacted with other Directorates such as DG1, DG1b, DG5 and DG8. (2) It represented DG1A and/or the CFSP angle in relation to other international organisations (UN, Council of Europe and Organisations established under the Law of the Sea Convention) and regional initiatives of a political character. In the case of the Council of Europe, Directorate A was also the only point of contact in the entire Commission.


The overall preoccupation of Directorate A was to enhance the Commission's role and visibility in multilateral relations and in international organisations, inter alia by ensuring the consistency between first pillar activities and second pillar concerns, by presenting the policies and programmes of the EU implemented by the Commission, and by highlighting the added value the latter could bring to the activities of each organisation.

AV-06.01 Enlargement

1997-2001

6 files

Documents concerning opinions on enlargement of EU.


 **File: AV-115** 29/05/2000 - 28/06/2001

Enlargement of the EU

Notes, memos and press cuttings concerning the Enlargement of the EU to the East, includes: Note from Inter-Service Group on Enlargement; Survey of European Enlargement by The Economist, "Europe's Magnetic Attraction"; Papers from Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches Notre Europe - "Les finalites et les missions de la grande Europe: introduction au debat" , "Reunifier l'Europe" and "Un elargissement pas comme les autres"

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-116** 1997 - 1998

Papers by Angel Viñas

Democracy and Human Rights, Enlargement of the EU and the Baltic States;

Breaking the Shackles of the Past: External and Internal Liberating Effects of EU Membership

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-117** 1998

Enlargement to East (1) - 1998

Reports and composite papers from the Commission on progress towards accession for Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia concerning relations between EU and each individual country, criteria for membership, political criteria, economic criteria, ability to assume obligations, administrative capacity, accession partnerships and national programmes

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-118** 1998

Enlargement to East (2) - 1998

Reports and composite papers from the Commission on progress towards accession for Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey concerning relations between EU and each individual country, criteria for membership, political criteria, economic criteria, ability to assume obligations, administrative capacity, accession partnerships and national programmes

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-119** 13/10/1999

Enlargement to East (1) - 1999

Reports and composite papers from the Commission on progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries and report by country - Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary concerning relations between EU and each individual country, criteria for membership, political criteria, economic criteria, ability to assume obligations, administrative capacity, accession partnerships and national programmes

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-120** 13/10/1999

Enlargement to East (2) - 1999

Reports and composite papers from the Commission on progress towards accession by country - Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey concerning relations between EU and each individual country, criteria for membership, political criteria, economic criteria, ability to assume obligations, administrative capacity, accession partnerships and national programmes

Language: ENGLISH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-06.02 External Relations**

1992-2001

17 files

Material concerning the EU's external relations policy.


 **File: AV-121** 05/06/2000 - 24/07/2000

G8 Foreign Ministers Meeting

Notes on G8 summit held at Okinawa and preparatory meetings of political directors concerning global issues such as conflict prevention, non-proliferation and arms controls, terrorism

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-122** 19/06/1992 - 27/04/1995

Speeches by Sir Leon Brittan

Texts of various speeches given by Sir Leon Brittan, Vice President of the European Commission for External Economic Relations on the European Community's external relations : "Changing strategy for post GATT world", "The EEC: what approach should it adopt to rest of world", International economic relations and global markets", Europe and the challenge of the global economy"

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-123** 03/06/1993 - 13/10/1998

Speeches and Comments by Commissioner Han Van Den Broek

Texts of speeches, lectures and comments made by the European Commissioner for External Political Relations on the Common Foreign and Security Policy , effects of enlargement on security, international relations, defence, enlargement of Europe, transatlantic relations, EU-Russia, also contains reports of some visits he made and meetings he attended

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-124** 02/04/1997 - 01/03/2000

Interservices Group - External Responsibilities of the EC

Reports of meetings and memos of the Interservices' Group, items discussed include: relations between the EC and the US, problems with application of article 228 of the Treaty, attendance at international conferences, contributions to the financing of international organisations, role of sanctions within EU's CFSP, work of G7 on the standardisation of border procedures

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-125** 23/02/1998 - 21/09/1998

New Transatlantic Marketplace

Memos, papers, briefing notes and press cuttings on the Commission project for a bilateral agreement with the US for freeing trade in goods from technical barriers (NTM), includes: Draft communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee - "The New Transatlantic Marketplace; Speaking points on NTM; Interservice consultation on Transatlantic Economic Partnership: Action Plan and Negotiating Directive; Communication of Sir Leon Brittan on the decision of the Council relative to the agreement between the EC and the US on the NTM

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-126** 11/01/1996 - 04/02/1998

DG1A Management and Coordination Meetings

Reports on meetings, under headings: operational conclusions, working methods - political priorities, immediate priorities, Directorates - chief advisers, work programmes, evaluation programmes, information policy, common structure for the management of aid to third countries, relations EU/US, follow-up GAC, enlargement

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-127** 21/12/1999 - 30/04/2001

External Relations DG - Management and Coordination Meetings

Summary reports of meetings, topics discussed include: Helsinki European Council, Russia/Chechnya possible sanctions, budget 2001, administrative/management issues, General Affairs Council, Relex commissioners' meetings, crisis management, Montenegro, Middle East Peace Process, reform of the management of EU external aid, Balkans - trade liberalisation, human rights, relations with US, EU/Russia summit, conflict prevention, CFSP, Latin America

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-128** 2000 - 2001

Administration of the External Service of the Commission

Note in developments in the external service of the Commission; Notes to all heads of delegations regarding standards and practices; Mission statement

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-129** 07/09/1999 - 08/07/2001

Commissioner Chris Patten

Articles on or by Chris Patten, MEP responsible for External Relations and reports on meetings between Patten and DG Relex concerning Chechnya, strengthening the Common European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP), the CESDP after Helsinki, the CESDP and the role of the European Commission Balkans/South East Europe, human rights, external relations: demands, constraints and priorities; Hearing by Patten before the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs on human rights and CFSP

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-130** 17/11/1997 - 06/04/1998

Financial Management of DG1A Projects

Notes, memos and financial documents concerning preparation of the Commission debate on budgetary priorities for 1999, estimates for 1998 and execution 1997, financial management of PHARE/TACIS centralised contracts, financial controls of projects, evaluation of management training, strategy for use of democratisation budgets

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-131** 03/05/1996 - 11/02/1998

DG1A - Activity Reports

Copies of reports on activities of Directorate 1A.A (Multilateral Relations) and some replies and comments from the Cabinet, dealing with human rights, electoral assistance, budget lines, armaments, nuclear non-proliferation, security issues, UN cooperation, EC/US relations

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-132** 18/12/1995 - 05/02/1998

Management Meetings of the Group of External Relations Directors General and DG for Development

Operational conclusions on horizontal issues, RELEX Directors General meetings, Reports from Directorates, international events, new policy initiatives, information and coordination between DGs


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-133** 06/05/1997 - 19/07/2001

Transatlantic Agenda

Discussion papers, memos, reports, press cuttings and speeches regarding US relations with the European Union, concerning: WEU and NATO enlargement, President Clinton's foreign policy, EU-US summits and release of Bonn Declaration on future transatlantic relations, the "Triple Crown" (NATO, OSCE and EU-US) on transatlantic relations, includes: memo on EU-US cooperation in CFSP matters; DG1A note for the file - "A Link Between EU and NATO?"; Reports on interservice meetings on Transatlantic Partnership on Political Cooperation (TPCC); Notes on Political Directors' Troika with US; Remarks by Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Marc Grossman (US mission to OSCE) - "Building a New US-European Partnership for the 21st Century"; National Missile Defense Policy/Speech by President Bush, 1 May 2001


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-134** 25/07/1997 - 05/02/1998

RELEX (1)

Reports from meetings and information notes from RELEX DG's on EU-US foreign policy relations and cooperation among RELEX services, ACP negotiations, Russia cooperation Council, Post Kyoto


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-135** 27/01/1995 - 21/04/1997

RELEX (2)

Reports of the External Affairs Group of Commissioners, items discussed includes: transatlantic relations, pre-accession strategy CEEC, relations with South Africa and Russia, plans for development bank for middle East, humanitarian assistance, preparation of Euro-Asia summit, relations with Cuba, Armenia, Georgia and Tajikistan - non payment of debts, human rights, report on the international economic order, women's rights, prevention of conflicts in Africa, concept paper on EU foreign policy, preparation of EU/US summit, relations with Turkmenistan, relations with World Bank, setting up a RELEX data base on Community public aid to third countries, sanctions as an instrument of foreign policy, co-ordination of CFSP meetings with third countries, organisation of technical and financial assistance to third countries


Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-136** 07/02/2000

European Union's External Activity

European Parliament working document on a common European diplomacy

Language: ENGLISH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-137** 05/11/1998 - 18/03/1999

Direction General IA - Cooperation with International Organisation

File on external relations, includes: information note on the Conference of Defence Ministers of the EU countries, Vienna, Nov 1998; Contacts between Commission and NATO; Memo on the Commission's full participation in the Wassenaar Arrangments Bodies; Note on role of EU and coordination of OSCE; Details of Directorate A's general priorities for 1999 by Angel Viñas

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

AV-06.03 Security and Defence

1993-2001

15 files

Files primarily concerned with the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP).


 **File: AV-138** 20/10/1993 - 08/03/1999

Preparation for CFSP under the Maastricht Treaty

Letters, notes from establishment of DG1A and recent developments in CFSP (EP elections, Austrian referendum, Corfu, G7 and high level transatlantic consultations), includes speech by Mr Burghardt, Director General "The New Europe"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-139** 13/03/1996 - 21/08/1997

Defence Questions

Memos and notes on defence and security issues, includes: Charter on the "Organisation de l'Armement de l'Europe Occidentale (OAE0); Report on meeting of Directors General on the policy for European armament; Report on the Commission communication on the "Challenges facing the European defence-related industry"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-140** 20/03/1997 - 28/07/1997

Defence Industry

Reports and studies, includes: Study for the Commission of the EC (DG1A) - "The Role of the Armaments Industry in Supporting the Preparation and Conduct of Military Operations"; Report for the Institute for Security Studies (WEU) - "Towards a European Weapons Acquisition Process"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-141** 10/12/1999 - 05/04/2000

Rapid Reaction Facility

Follow-up to Helsinki conclusions on a Rapid Reaction Fund, notes by the Commission (Directorate CFSP - Security Aspects including liaison with WEU and NATO includes: Argument for RRF, the role of the RRF, speaking note presenting the RRF to the Parliament; Draft proposal for a Council regulation creating the Rapid Reaction Facility

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-142** 10/07/1997 - 29/11/1999

CFSP Financing

Memos and notes on financing agreements for CFSP with details of meetings on the subject, includes: Note from Angel Vinas "Financing of Community Vs CFSP Competencies - some operational issues"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-143** 10/12/1999 - 20/11/2000

Work of Political Committee

Notes, briefing papers, press cuttings, reports on work of the political committee for CFSP, background information on security and defence policy, includes: remarks by Dr Javier Solana "The Development of a Common European Security and Defence Policy - The Integration Project of the Next Decade"; Document entitled - Military Bodies in the EU and the Planning and Conduct of EU-Led Military Operations"; Notes on meetings of the Interim Political and Security Committee; Comments circulated by Presidency of CFSP on EU member states collective non-military response to international crises; Presidency of CFSP draft of paper on arrangements to be concluded by the Council on modalities of consultation and/or participation that will allow the third states concerned to contribute to EU Military Crisis Management; Memo from DG Relex on the new interim structures concerning the CESDP

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-144** 30/06/1997 - 02/12/1997

European Armament Policy

Reports on interservice meetings and notes concerning the direction of the Commission regarding armament strategies, also includes: draft action plan for the defence related industry; Memo on meeting with EDIG (European Defence Industries Group); Note on defence seminar at Tolède, "La industria de defensa: factor determinante de la construcción de la unidad europea"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-145** 21/04/1997 - 13/12/1999

Security and Defence Policies

Reports, memos, conference papers and press articles concerning developments on security issues, includes: Speech by President Delors on Questions Concerning European Security; Working papers from conference on A Lifeline for a European Defence Policy?, Paris, April 1997; Participation by Mr. van den Broek in debate on "The US role in Europe's new architecture: how do NATO and EU complement each other?"; Speaking notes for Commissioner van den Broek on Tindemans Report; Summary report on Conference of the Defence Ministers of the EU countries; Notes on St. Malo declaration and WEU integration into EU; Reports on Commission's role on CFSP post-Amsterdam; EU summit in Cologne and discussions on European defence; Summary report by Institut für Europäische Politik - European Defence Policy: The debate on the institutional aspects; Council memo on non-military instruments of crisis management; Notes on relationship between NATO and EU; Preparation of the Helsinki European Council - ad hoc Political Committee; Finnish Presidency paper on Common European Security and Defence policy; Commission communication "Mettre en oeuvre la stratégie de l'union en matière d'industries liées à la défense"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-146** 2000

DG1A and CFSP

Note regarding post-Amsterdam Treaty period for the DG1A and the Commission's role in CFSP

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-147** 1996 - 1997

Papers

Articles, notes, papers on NATO and OSCE and relations with the EC, includes: document by WEU - "Evolution of NATO and Implications for the WEU"

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-148** 31/07/1996 - 01/08/2001

Common Foreign and Security Policy

Minutes of meetings of ministers of foreign affairs and various advisors, reports, details of financing, memos concerning the EU in the world community - a common foreign policy for Europe and the entry into force in May 1999 of the Treaty of Amsterdam, also includes notes concerning the "Conférence des Représentants des Gouvernements des États Membres" (CIG) Dublin in 1996 and the revision of the treaties on a CFSP, includes: paper - Adapter l'Union européenne dans l'intérêt de ses citoyens et la préparer pour le futur; Contribution of the Commission at the Intergovernmental Conference on "Composition, organisation et fonctionnement de la Commission"; Backgrounds notes on CFSP; Speech by Hans van den Broek "The European Union and the IGC"; 13th report from the Group of High Level Experts on CFSP "La politique extérieure et de sécurité de l'Europe à l'horizon 2000: appréciation sur le Traité d'Amsterdam"; Memo on the organisation by the Council of the EU of the services of the general secretariat dealing with external relations; Draft report by the European Parliament on the role of the Union in the world: Implementation of the CFSP for 1998 ; Documents on debate on the "General criteria for exercise of Community or CFSP Competence"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-149** 01/02/1996 - 22/10/1997

Relax Commissioner Group

Notes, working papers and reports of meetings of Commissioners Group concerning CFSP reform, the role of the Commission in CFSP, technical assistance to third countries

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-150** 12/05/1995 - 18/04/1997


Intergovernmental Conference on CFSP

Commission's report on functioning of Union Treaty - passages on foreign policy (Brussels)

Text of intervention by Angel Viñas at Intergovernmental Conference on CFSP (Madrid)

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-151** 25/10/1995 - 20/10/1997

High Level Group on CFSP


Report from Sub-Committees 1-4 of High Level Expert Group: Reform of the CFSP - institutional and military aspects, EU, WEU and common defence, Economic Security, Industrial, Scientific and Technological Base for the Defence of Europe, Common External Policy for EU;

12th report of High Level Group - "La politique extérieure et de sécurité de l'Europe à l'horizon 2000 : les voies et moyens d'une véritable crédibilité"

13th report of High Level Group - "La politique extérieure et de sécurité de l'Europe à l'horizon 2000 : appréciation sur le Traité d'Amsterdam"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-152** 04/07/1995 - 20/11/1997

Speeches


Speeches on CFSP: The CFSP in the Context of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, by Hans van den Broek;
The CFSP: the challenges of the future, by Hans van den Broek;
Interventions on CFSP at Symposium on Europe by Mr. Oreja, MEP;
Intervention by Mr. Oreja, MEP at Round Table on CFSP;
Speech by Angel Viñas at conference on security and defence in Europe
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH
 Material: Paper file

AV-06.04 International Organisations

1975-2002


17 files

EU relations with various international organisations and bodies.

 **File: AV-153** 03/03/1993 - 18/09/2000


EC and International Organisations

Commission staff working papers, memos and notes on Community participation in international bodies, includes: report on mission at AIFM, Autorité Internationale des Fonds Marins; Decision of the Council of the EU on the admission of the EC to the General Commission on Fish in the Mediterranean; Contribution of the Community to the financing of the UN; Position paper concerning the contribution of the EC to the International Tribunal on the "Droit de la Mer"; Briefing paper on International Representation of the European Union; Note on the EC and UNESCO
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-154** 17/09/1999 - 24/07/2001

Council of Europe

Documents concerning the EC relations with the Council of Europe and joint programmes, includes: information documents on the charter of fundamental rights of the EU and accession of the Community (European Union) to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR); Joint declaration on cooperation and partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission; Note on stability pact project presented by the Council of Europe ; Programme for Latvia's chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe; Participation in the Council conference in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the European convention on human rights; Note on possible participation of the EC and the EIB in the capital of the Bank of Development of the Council of Europe
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-155** 03/12/1998 - 07/11/2000

OSCE

Information sheets, notes and correspondence concerning the activities of the OSCE such as Ministerial Councils, working groups and missions, includes: Confidential notes on the OSCE and the European Commission; Structure of the Charter on European Security; EU/US Troika on OSCE issues; Paper by Dr. Lars-Erik Lundin, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to the International Organisations in Vienna - "The Charter for European Security from an EU Perspective"; Details of legal status of OSCE
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-156** 1991 - 2000

European Councils (1)

Council Presidency conclusions: Lisbon (June 1992), Edinburgh (Dec 1992), Luxembourg (Dec 1997) Cologne (June 1999), Lisbon (March 2000), Santa Maria Da Feira (June 2000) and press releases from international newspapers on countdown to Maastricht and in particular UK attitude, speeches for Maastricht European Council (Dec 1991) and the resulting Treaty on European Union, includes: Secretary-General's evaluation of the Maastricht Summit; Notes on EMU treaty and road to single currency; Information sheet on Summit declarations; Summary of conclusions of the Lisbon summit and ratification of Treaty; Address by the President of the European Parliament (Dr. Egon A. Klepsch) on the occasion of the European Council, Brussels (Oct 1993); Speeches by Jacques Delors and Klepsch at Corfu Summit (June 1994)

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-157** 1975 - 1998

European Councils (2)

Presidency conclusions of various European Councils - incomplete series

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-158** 1975 - 1994

European Councils (3)

Presidency conclusions of various European Councils

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-159** 02/10/1997 - 03/12/1999

NATO

Press cuttings, information notes, briefing papers on EU working relations with NATO, transatlantic relations, policy on Kosovo, NATO summits and NATO's enlargement, includes: Speaking note for Mr van den Broek's visit to Washington on European security architecture; Reports on NATO ministerial meetings; Information note on UK thinking on European defence; Audit of assets and capabilities for European operations of WEU; Memo on NATO defence ministers meeting in the North Atlantic Council

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-160** 11/05/1998 - 12/05/1998

WEU: Rhodes Council of Ministers

Programme, declaration of Rhodes, Co-operation UE-WEU, Relations Commission-WEU, Reinforcement of the operational capacities of the WEU, Declaration of the WEU on its role and its relations with the EU and NATO

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-161** 12/05/1997 - 13/05/1997

WEU: Paris Council of Ministers

Agenda, Draft Paris Declaration, EU/WEU relations, Common defence policy report, operational development, European security interests

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-162** 02/06/1998 - 05/06/2000

COPOL

Reports on Meetings of the Political Committee, concerning the Balkans, Iran, Russia, Cambodia, Cuba, EU/Latin American Summit, political dialogue, common strategies, merged working groups, communications system with associated countries, stability pact, Africa, Middle East peace process, East Timor, also includes: draft presidency report to the Feira European Council on "Strengthening the Common European Policy on Security and Defence"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-163** 02/03/1995 - 18/06/2002

Agence Europe

Copies of the Bulletin Quotidien Europe on EU/Commission matters

Language: FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-164** 03/04/1997 - 27/11/1997

EU/Council of Europe

Meetings between the Council of Europe and EU concerning cooperation and joint programmes in the framework of the Democracy programme of the EU for the Tacis countries

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-165** 01/10/1998 - 17/11/1998

WEU

Letter from Secretary General of the WEU José Cutileiro to Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Jurgen Trumpf transmitting a military staff feasibility study on possible options for an international policy operation in Albania; Documents from the WEU Council of Ministers meeting held in Rome, November 1998: steering brief, programme, Rome declaration, relations WEU/EU, note on conference of the defence ministers of the EU countries, Vienna Nov 1998, co-operation Commission/WEU

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-166** 10/05/1999 - 11/05/1999

WEU: Bremen Council of Ministers

Programme, Brement declaration, relations between EU/WEU, Common European Policy for Security and Defense, ESDI and NATO, Kosovo, Albania,

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-167** 17/11/1997 - 18/11/1997

WEU: Erfurt Council of Ministers

Steering brief, programme, Erfurt declaration, Treaty of Amsterdam, contribution of WEU to peace and security in Albania, European security architecture

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-168** 06/1998 - 07/1998

EU/WEU Relations

Brief on situation of relations between EU and WEU and the developments envisaged between them and background notes on: Commission co-operation PHARE/WEU-MAPE, international police force for Albania, Kosovo, activities in space programmes

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-169_2002**

World Trade Organisation

Preparations for the EC/WTO DOHA rounds of negotiations, concerning: Instructions to the Committee of Deputies 133 and preparation of meetings on strengthening co-operation between the EU and US in view of the second Summit to be held in Madrid on 17 May 2002 ; Request for association agreement between EU, Central America and Andes Community; Safeguard measures for US steel imports and repercussions on Spanish steel industry; EU reaction to EU/US conflict on steel; EU-Central American and Andes Community issues on request for a free trade agreement; Preparation of WTO meetings (working groups on trade, debts and finance, trade and investment, trade and technology transfer), agreements on regional trade and bilateral relations - EU/US and EU/Canada

Language: SPANISH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-06.05 Conflict Prevention**

1998-2001

4 files

Conflict prevention was an important issue in EU foreign policy.


 **File: AV-170_25/05/2000 - 24/07/2000**

UN Security Council

UN Security Council documents on conflict prevention and report from Swedish seminar on conflict prevention strategies

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-171_14/07/1998 - 06/04/2001**

Conflict Prevention Network

Background notes, memos from the Conflict Prevention Network and papers on strategies

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-172_31/03/1998 - 08/05/2000**

Intervention in Conflict Prevention

Papers, notes and memos on Commission's policy toward security and peace and human rights issues in countries such as China, Thailand and in particular Kosovo, includes: letters and articles on legitimacy to intervene with international action to resolve humanitarian crises; Note on UN Security Council's role in the prevention of armed conflicts; Material on NATO's involvement in Kosovo; WEU paper by Guido Lenzi - "The Lessons from Kosovo? Too Soon to Tell"; Draft note on legal justifications for armed intervention for Commissioner Patten"; European Commission ECHO article "law in Humanitarian Crises - Access to Victims, Right to Intervene or Right to Receive Humanitarian Assistance?"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-173_18/02/1998 - 04/04/2001**

General

Communications from Commission and Commissioner Patten on conflict prevention and international Crisis Group reports on Serbia, Bosnia and Kosovo; Details of meetings between the UN and Regional Organisation concerning conflict

prevention; Communication of the Commission to the Council and the EP - Co-operation with ACP countries involved in armed conflicts

Language: ENGLISH


Material: Paper file

AV-06.06 Development Aid

1995-2001

5 files


EU's aid development policy to LDC's.

 **File: AV-174** 21/01/1999 - 10/08/2001

External Aid

Memos concerning aid to less developed countries, includes: internal report of the Commission services on "Measures taken and to be taken to address the poverty reduction objective of EC Development Policy; Brief on EP Development Committee budget; Paper on the EU and the OAS in Latin America and the Caribbean; Statement by the Council and the Commission on the EC's development policy

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

 **File: AV-175** 23/05/1995 - 16/05/2000

Reports and Communications on Development Aid

Communication to the Commission regarding the management and reform of external aid, developing a coherent and effective approach to LRRD, complementarity between the Community and Member State policies on development cooperation,

Communications from the Commission concerning the EC's development policy

Joint report of Common Service to manage community aid to non-Member countries, Sept 1997

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

 **File: AV-176** 2000 - 2001

Articles on Development Aid

Articles from international organisations concerned with development - OECD, Oxfam, Expert Group on Development Issues included report commissioned by the European Commission - "The Least Developed Countries and the International Development Goals"


Language: ENGLISH

 **File: AV-177** 2000 - 2001

Reform of the Management of External Assistance

Reports and working documents on the management of external assistance, includes the Interservice Agreement (DG Relex, DG Dev, and EuropeAid Co-operation Office to improve the speed, quality and profile of the EU's External Assistance; Annual Report from the Commission to the Council and the Parliament on the EC development policy and the implementation of external assistance

Language: ENGLISH

 **File: AV-178** 13/03/1998

Development Resources Audit

Commission IGS audit relative to the identification of resources to be given to the DG External Relations to the Common Services for community aid to third countries


Language: FRENCH

 **AV-06.07 General**

1985-2003

14 files

Miscellaneous files concerning relations with Russia, Japan and other external relations issues.


 **File: AV-45** 1985 - 2000

Articles by Angel Viñas on Spain and Latin America

Titles include: "Relexiones sobre la economía Española durante el franquismo"; "Diez años de política exterior del gobierno socialista"; "La unione Europea y Cuba: Historica de una accion de estrategia exterior en la post guerra fria"; "1936-1939: La guerra civil española"; "The enlargment of the EU: opportunities and concerns for Spain"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-179** 04/05/1999 - 19/07/2000

Marine Issues

Memos on financial contributions to the International Seabed Authority

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-180** 1992 - 1998

Press cuttings

Clippings on European and international politics

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-181** 2000

Japan

Background notes on Europe/Japan relations includes: transmission note on Japanese foreign policy; EU-Japan summit, July 2000

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-182** 2001

Drug Issues and External Relations

Series of articles on Spain and Portugal by Viñas: "Breaking the Shakles of the Past - Spanish Foreign Policy from Franco to Felipe Gonzalez"; "Spain in the European Mainstream: A new stage in modern Spanish history"; "The Iberian Dimension of the EU"; "Economic Strategies in Spain: from inward-looking development to active involvement in the EC"

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-183** 1994 - 1996

Country Presidencies of EC

Files on Ireland, Italy, Greece and Germany and the issues they tackled during their presidency of the EC

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-184** 1997

Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean

Commission material on middle east, includes: Document on Turkey's application for membership in the EU; Paper on the "Role of the EU in the Peace Process and its Future Assistance to the Middle East"

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-185** 13/04/2000

Asia

DG1A Memo on political trends in Central Asia: implications for EU policy

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-186** 22/07/1998 - 12/07/2000

Ukraine/Russia

Material concerning security issues in Ukraine, the financial crisis in Russia its causes and consequences, includes: Presidency Conclusions of the European Council, Cologne June 1999 - Common strategy of the EU on Russia

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-187** 07/09/1998 - 10/07/2001

South-Eastern Europe

Notes, memos, discussion papers and reports on the situation South Eastern Europe and Kosovo in particular, includes, Memo for the attention of Mr. Burghardt, DG1A from EU delegation in UN on failure of Security Council to react to Secretary-General's report on Kosovo; Report on political and legal parameters of the conflict; Draft stability pact for South Eastern Europe; Security Council resolution 1244 on the future international civilian and security presence in Kosovo after NATO suspends bombing; Memo on EU policies towards FRY/Kosovo; Troika mission in Montenegro; Summary of Serbian opposition after Luxembourg meeting of Foreign Ministers; OSCE background report on its mission in Kosovo - Further Assessment of the Situation of Ethnic Minorities in Kosovo; CARDS Assistance Programme - Regional Strategy Paper 2002-2006

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-188** 1994 - 1996

Spain in Europe

Series of articles on Spain and Portugal by Viñas: "Breaking the Shackles of the Past - Spanish Foreign Policy from Franco to Felipe Gonzalez"; "Spain in the European Mainstream: A new stage in modern Spanish history"; "The Iberian Dimension of the EU"; "Economic Strategies in Spain: from inward-looking development to active involvement in the EC"

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-189** 08/04/2002

Spain and the US

Hearing of the Spanish Defence Minister by the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Spanish National Assembly giving information on the results of the negotiations on the revision of Convention on co-operation on defence signed between Spain and the US on 1 December 1998

Language: SPANISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-190** 21/02/2003

Iraq

Briefing note "The European Council and Iraq: Beyond the Conclusions" by Peter Ludlow

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-191** 1992 - 2002

Articles, Reports and Speeches

Material concerning European foreign policy, European integration, future of Europe, includes: speech by Jacques Santer at IFRI

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **AV-07 European Commission**

1989-2004

33 files

At the end of his career in the Commission, Angel Viñas was among the privileged witnesses of the via crucis of the Santer Commission. As an historian, he analysed in his files the reasons, attributing the blame on institutional and organisational issues.

The nature of the Commission-Parliament relations in the first years of the Santer Team explains the genesis of the crisis: while the Maastricht Treaty reinforced the responsibilities of the Parliament, it affected the Commission head-on. The inter-governmental Conference which guided the Amsterdam Treaty did not give to the Commission new responsibilities nor new methods. The new processes of co-decision making, installed a direct line between the Council and Parliament, but the Commission took the risk of being short circuited. Jacques Santer suffered from a lack of legitimacy. Nominated President following the rejection by John Major of the candidature of Dehaene, his selection was barely approved by the Parliament when Pauline Green, President of the majority Socialist Group, declared: "This will not be a honeymoon for the Commission". The new President was immediately criticised for lack of vision: contrary to the Delors Commission, the new team did not take on any project that was capable of winning the enthusiasm of the public.

Furthermore, Santer did not make much progress on the project for the association of the Eastern Europe countries to the Community. True to his instructions "act less to act better" the principal concern of the new President was to put the house in order, to utilise better the resources at the disposition of the Community, where he had some success was in the initial reforms of the CAP. He concentrated on management, and neglected the political debate on institutional reform which was requested by the Assembly. This began a process of "de-politicisation" of the College, to the advantage of Directorates General.

The hesitancy which the Commission exhibited with regard to the "mad cow" crisis, led to further criticisms by the deputies for having given in to the pressure exerted on him by John Major, and in 1997 for the unfortunate attempt of Commissioner Leon Brittan in creating a "Free Trade North Atlantic Area" which divided the College and provoked a strong reaction from the French Government. A third problem was created by the desire of Santer to impose from above an important internal reform, articulated in three steps: the SEM 2000 (sound and efficient management), the MAP 2000 (Modernisation of Administration and Personal Policy) and lastly the DECODE exercise (Designing Tomorrow's Commission), which provoked significant internal conflict. The Commissioners who were directly responsible ignored the realities of the house which provoked a general strike of personnel on the 30 April 1997. The Commission had completely alienated its workers.

The problem of competent personnel was one of the reasons that led to the crisis in 1998: while the Commission saw its programmes increased after Delors, the allowances for personnel didn't follow. To deal with this lack the Commission depended more on external assistance and agents. The second factor lay in the absence of financial control, which led to a number of complaints before or by the Commission of budget control of the Parliament (COCOBU): the expenses required for programmes such as PHARE, TACIS, aid to the Balkans or regional policy were particularly under scrutiny. Following the power struggle within the institution, it was the humanitarian aid agency ECHO which formed the object of the first direct attack against the Commission in the Spring of 1998. Created by Jacques Delors, the Agency which was directed by Gomez-Reino under the responsibility of Commissioner Marin and then by Emma Bonino, was the only organ which was placed at the disposal of the Commission to deal with the humanitarian crises in Bosnia and Central Africa. In 1997 criticism was levelled against the management of external personnel of ECHO by Perry-Lux agency. At the same time there filtered through, thanks to the indiscretions of an employee, Van Buitenen, the first allegations concerning presumed irregularities carried out by Edith Cresson, Commissioner for Education and Training, in the management of the "Leonardo" programme and the recruitment of her dentist as external advisor. To make matters worse, Helmut Kohl, principal supporter of Santer was beaten in 1998 in the German elections. The machine was put in motion, the Christian Democrat and Conservative Deputies saw the occasion to increase the role of control of the Parliament and denounced the alleged misappropriation of funds by some European employees and some socialist commissioners (Cresson, Marin and Bonino). The media after discovering the affair, particularly the Eurosceptic British tabloids, attacked the Commission and the Labour


majority in the Parliament. With its reputation in jeopardy, the Parliament refused to give the budgetary "décharge" to the Commission. The latter made the error of declaring that it demanded that the EP clarify its position. On the 17 December 1998, by 270 (PPE, Liberals and Greens) against 225 (Social-democrats), the Parliament refused the "décharge". The same result was witnessed once again on the 14 January 1999 by 293 votes against 232, the Commission had to accept the creation of a Committee of Independent Experts (professors of law and auditors) who were to investigate the alleged deficits. The report of this Committee revealed some fraud by some commissioners, and underlined the feeling of "non-answerability" on the part of the commissioners and criticised the loss of control of the Commission over its services, which led to the collective resignation of the Santer Commission on the 16 March 1999.

AV-07.01 Jacques Delors

1990-1996

2 files

Material on Jacques Delors longstanding President of the European Commission.


 **File: AV-192** 21/06/1990 - 09/05/1996

Speeches and Interventions

Texts of speeches, press conferences, addresses to European Parliament and interventions on: Europe and Maastricht, Commission programmes, the EC in the international sphere, the US and EC, combating social exclusion, European security, European integration and economic and monetary union

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-193** 1991 - 1996

Delors Presidency - Issues

Press cuttings, articles from Reuters News Agency and notes concerning: Maastricht - political and monetary union, single currency, call for world economic body, vision of federal Europe

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

AV-07.02 Resignation of Santer Commission

1996-2002

7 files


Bringing down of European Commission because of fraud, corruption and mismanagement.

 **File: AV-194** 10/1996 - 09/2001

Commission Problems

Briefing papers, reports and excerpts from Bulletin Quotidien Europe regarding various issues in the Commission, includes: Report from Committee of Independent Experts on Presumed cases of fraud, bad management and nepotism in the European Commission; Briefing for the new Commission - Mission and priorities of the Commission's Directorates General and Services

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-195** 31/03/1998 - 28/01/1999

European Parliament Debates

Extracts of EP debates on Implementation of budget and discharge, the Commission of tomorrow, approval by Parliament of Commission President, and web pages concerning mismanagement and fraud in the Commission, details of Committee of Independent Experts - 1996 budget discharge

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-196**

The Cresson Affair

Press articles on Edith Cresson and allegations of malpractice

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-197** 1998 - 1999

Resignation Santer Commission - 1

File concerning the resignation of Jacques Santer's Commission, includes: Resolution from the Parliament on the independence, role and statute of the unit for the co-ordination of the struggle against fraud (UCLAF); EP censorship motion against the Commission and non approval of the budgetary exercise for 1998 and oral questions on the consequences for the Commission; Letter from van Buitenen (official) to Magda Alvoet, President of the Greens in the European Parliament, introducing the report " How the Commission deals with its irregularities and fraud" presented by German Christian Democrat Dietmut Theato, Chair of the EP Committee on Budgetary Control; 2nd censorship motion of EP against Commission and minutes of meeting of 11/01/99; Resolution by EP on the measures to be taken by the Commission to restore confidence; Documents of the EP Budget Committee concerning the mandate and composition of the independent Committee of Experts "charged with examining the manner in which the Commission discovered and treated cases of fraud, bad management and nepotism"; Report of the Independent Committee of Experts to Nicole Fontaine, President of the EP

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-198** 1998 - 2002

Resignation Santer Commission - II

File concerning the resignation of Jacques Santer's Commission, includes: Confidential Tribunal evidence of Claude Perry, Director of Perry Lux Ltd (Luxembourg) and chronology of his contacts with Commissioner Edith Cresson and the Scientific Advisor René Berthelot; Testimony of André Hardy giving details of Perry's relations with the HARCO group (expertise programme for Africa); Request for dismissal by Renate Schmidt of European Commissioners Manuel Marin and Edith Cresson, 31 Dec 1998; Notes by the Director of ECHO (European Commission Humanitarian Office) Santiago Gomez-Reino on the relations between ECHO and the ONG; Note for the attention of Members of the PES parliamentary group on documents presented by the Commission at the press conference held in response to the allegations of mismanagement directed at it; Declaration of support from the EP Green Party for Paul van Buitenen, suspended from his functions by the Commission; Proposal for a EP resolution on the improvement of financial management of the Commission; Declaration of the PPE group on the institution of a Committee of Independent Experts to resolve the crisis and examine the management of the Commission; Note by Julian Priestly, Secretary General of the EP, on the terms of reference of the Committee of Independent

*Experts called for in the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 14 January 1999 on improving the management of the European Commission; Confidential note to the EP Commission of Budgetary Control on the case of fraud revealed by the UCLAF in the management of LEONARDO(confidential); Information note by Isabella Ventura, Director General of DG XX (financial control) of the EP, concerning special audits in progress or completed from Oct to Dec 1998 (confidential); Questionnaire of the EP Commission of Budgetary Control to Commissioner Edith Cresson; Statement of Edith Cresson before the EP Committee of Budgetary Control concerning the management of the LEONARDO programme; Audit report by DG XXII concerning the BAT Leonardo da Vinci (Vocational Educational Programmes). Contract with Agenor (outsourcing technical assistance) (confidential); EC Tribunal sentences for Hubert Onidii and Albano Ferre de Moncada (confidential) ; Press cuttings
Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file*

 **File: AV-199** 1999 - 2002

Articles

Articles on the Jacques Santer era and the resignation of the European Commission

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-200** 15/03/1999

Committee of Independent Experts - 1st Report

First Report on Allegations regarding Fraud, Mismanagement and Nepotism in the European Commission

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

AV-07.03 Reform of the Commission

1995-2003

6 files

Material concerning reform of Commission after the resignation of the Santer Commission.


 **File: AV-201** 10/09/1999

Committee of Independent Experts - 2nd Report

Volumes I and II of report entitled "Reform of the Commission - Analysis of current practice and proposals for tackling mismanagement, irregularities and fraud"

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-202** 07/04/1998 - 20/07/1998

Inspector General for Services

File containing letters of congratulations on the nomination of Graham Avery as Inspector General of the Commission's services

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-203** 24/02/1999 - 07/07/1999

IGS Report: Designing Tomorrow's Commission

Report and internal document on the External Service - the delegations, the management of external missions, inspection of delegations

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-204** 01/03/2000

Commission White Paper

A white paper - part 1: Reforming the Commission

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: COM(2000)200


 **File: AV-205** 1999 - 2003

Papers and Reports

Newspapers clippings, papers and articles on efforts and necessity to reform the Commission

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-233** 1995 - 2000

Official Communications

Official texts on interim regulations of the Commission, code of conduct of Commissioners, responsibilities of personnel, re-inforcement of internal co-ordination, framework agreement on relations between the EP and the Commission; Memos on matching of activities and human resources - The Peer Group; Note on Commission reform with regard to RELEX

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH


Material: Paper file

 **AV-07.04 Future of the Commission**

1989-2004

6 files

Material on the Commission after reform.

 **File: AV-206** 07/02/1997 - 14/11/1997

BSE Crisis

1997 Report on the alleged contraventions of bad administration in the implementation of Community law in relation to BSE, without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Community and national courts; Report on the European Commission's follow-up of the recommendations made by the Committee of Inquiry into BSE - Temporary Committee to follow-up the recommendations on BSE; Information on BSE

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-207** 2000 - 2001

Prospects for the Commission

Variety of material including internet downloads, press cuttings, copies of Bulletin Quotidien Europe etc. regarding future of the Commission and , includes: Communications from the President of the Commission "Livre Blanc sur la Reforme de la Gouvernance Europeenne", "Pour une Gouvernance Democratique Europeenne"; Papers on improving efficiency of external activities of the Union; Handwritten notes by David O'Sullivan on prospects for Commission (17/07/01)

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-208** 2002 - 2004

Newspaper Cuttings

Press cuttings from international press on various facets of Commission, topics covered include: trade not aid, EU foreign policy plan, staff policy at Commission, Prodi's Commission, looting of EU funds by senior officials, EU's constitutional convention, Brussels budget row, EU-US relations

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-209** 1989 - 2002

Commission Governance

Articles, papers, reports, book excerpts on the administration of the Community with reference to the Commission, includes: "Approche Anthropologique de la Commission Européenne" by Marc Abélès; "Importance and role of Supranational Administration: the Case of the EU Administration" by Giancarlo Vilella; "The EU in 1999: Finances, Institutions and War" by Mark A Pollack; "Diplomacy without a State: The External Delegations of the European Commission" by Michael Bruter; "A Clash of Cultures? Corruption and the Ethics of Administration in Western Europe" by Véronique Pujas and Martin Rhodes; "La Commissione Européenne - Cultures, Politiques, Paradigmes" - Revue Française de Science Politique; "The Community Method and the Institutional Balance after European Convention" by Jan Rood; "The Commission after Amsterdam: Its future in an enlarged Union" by Ricardo Gosalbo Bono; European Governance and the future of the Commission" by Ben Hall; "What Sort of Commission does the EU Need" by John Temple Lang and Eamonn Gallagher

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-210** 24/06/2004 - 30/10/2004

Rocco Buttiglione Debacle (1)

Press cuttings from international press, press releases, statements, articles on elections of José Manuel Durao Barroso as President of the Commission and the process of allocating Commission portfolios, with details of debate against Rocco Buttiglione, includes: Report on the hearing of Mr Rocco Buttiglione, put forward by the Italian Government and appointed by President Barroso to the post of Vice-President-Designates (Justice and Home Affairs)

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-211** 21/10/2004 - 25/11/2004

Rocco Buttiglione Debacle (2)

Press cuttings from international press, press releases, statements, articles on debate resulting from Barroso's appointment of Buttiglione as Vice-President of the Commission and the subsequent protestations and Barroso's withdrawal of his team so as to avoid a second rejection by the European Parliament

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH; ITALIAN


Material: Paper file

 **AV-07.05 General**

1994-2004

12 files

Material of a general nature concerning the Commission.

 **File: AV-212** 2001

Future of Union

Miscellaneous file of various efforts of reform with mainly press cuttings on Prodi's activities in the debate of the future of the Union

Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-213** 2001

Vade mecum on the Community Budget

Background, evolution and characteristics of the EEC budget between 1958 and 2000

Language: SPANISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-214** 1995 - 2003

Commission's Work Programmes

1995 Work Programme, COM(95)26

1996 Work Programme, COM(95)512/3

2002 Work Programme, COM(2001)620

Annual Policy Strategy, Council of EU, SEC(2002)217/9

Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH

Material: Paper file

Old Record Code: COM(95)26; COM(95)512/3; COM(2001)60; SEC(2002)217/9

 **File: AV-215** 1995

Briefing on the Policies of the EU

Internal Commission document

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-216** 2000

EUI Report on the Treaties

"A Basic Treaty for the EU - A Study of the Re-organisation of the Treaties", presented to Mr. Romano Prodi, President of the Commission

Language: FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-217** 2000 - 2003

Paper by Angel Viñas

"Inter-institutional Complementarity in Action : A View from the European Commission"

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-218** 2000

Draft of book by Angel Viñas provisionally entitled "Batallas de Bruselas : De la pugna por América Latina a la crisis de la Comisión Europea"

Language: SPANISH


Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-219** 2004

Draft of book by Angel Viñas "Al Servicio de Europa : Innovación y Crisis en la Comisión Europea"


Language: SPANISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-220** 17/12/1998


Tape of programme entitled "Kommissare am Abgrund"

Tape produced by German television station WDR
 Language: GERMAN
 Material: Video tape

 **File: AV-224** 31/10/1994 - 03/06/1999


Commission Presidents' Speeches

Texts of speeches, interventions at conferences by Presidents Santer, Prodi and Vice President Marin on EU-Mediterranean relations, future of Europe and the role of the Commission. Notes on Santer Commission
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-232** 1999 - 2001

President Romano Prodi

Material on Prodi including press clippings on various issues during his tenure such as the EURO zone, the Biarritz Summit, efforts to bolster Commission and speeches: "The road to Europe's future", "The new Europe and Japan"
 Language: GERMAN; ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-234** 2002 - 2004

EU in the 21st Century

Miscellaneous files containing articles, book excerpts, press clippings on current events in EU such as fraud charges against Edith Cresson, transatlantic relations, EC defence issues, development co-operation
 Language: ENGLISH; SPANISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **AV-08 Administrative Material**

1992-2002


9 files

Miscellaneous material concerning budgetary and personnel issues in DG1A.

 **File: AV-221** 09/01/1996 - 28/01/1996

Appointment of Graham Avery as Chief Adviser on Enlargement

Circular letter from Graham J.L. Avery to his colleagues announcing his new tasks as Chief Advisor in Directorate-General 1A on enlargement of the Union and reply letters of congratulations including note from Emile Noël
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-225** 1992 - 1999

DG1A Administrative Documents (1)

General administrative material, includes: briefing paper for new members of the Commission on the policies and activities SEC(92)2378; Budget exercise 1997; Co-operation between European Community and Council of Europe; Note on international representation of the EU, international representation of the EU - briefing for delegations
 Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH
 Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-226** 1997 - 2000

DG1A Administrative Documents (2)

Material concerning reorganisation of administrative structures for various Directorate A (Multilateral Relations) programmes, includes: Briefing for new Commission on Directorate; Implications for human rights on the future division of work between RELEX and SCR; Transfer of staff

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-229** 2000

DG Relex - Missions

Documents on mission estimates, procedures, credits with details of some missions

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file


 **File: AV-230** 2002

DG Relex - Budget Lines

Figures by budget line

Language: ENGLISH

Material: Paper file

 **File: AV-231** 1998 - 2001

Speeches by Angel Viñas

Speeches by Viñas in his capacity as Director for Political Multilateral Relations in the European Commission on human rights and regional co-operation

Language: ENGLISH; FRENCH

Material: Paper file