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25th ANNIVERSARY OF TREATIES OF ROME

Brief by Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1. This brief outlines the special arrangements which have been made by the Belgian Presidency to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome (the EEC and the Euratom Treaties) which were signed on 25 March 1957.
2. An academic session will be held at the Palais des Académies in the presence of the King of the Belgians from approximately 10.30 am. There will be speeches by the Presidents of the European Council (M. Martens), the Council of Ministers (M. Tindemans), the Commission (M. Thorn), the Parliament (M. Dankert) and the Court of Justice (M. Mertens de Wilmars).
3. There will be approximately 200 guests, and the following have been invited:

Heads of State or Government and Foreign Ministers
attending the European Council;

Permanent Representatives;

Secretaries General of Council, Commission and Parliament;

President, Vice Presidents and Members of the enlarged
bureau of the European Parliament;

President, Vice Presidents and Members of the Commission;

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President, Judges, Advocates General and Registrar of the Court of Justice;

Presidents of the Court of Auditors, European Investment Bank, Economic and Social Committee, ECSC Consultative Committee;

Signatories of the Treaties of Paris and Rome;

Ten personalities from each Member State. (See list for UK at Annex A)

4. At approximately 13.00 the King gives a lunch at the Palais Royal for all the participants of the academic session.

5. During the academic session there will also be a formal ceremony for the signing by Foreign Ministers of the agreement on the European Foundation (Brief No 13).

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The following have accepted invitations:

Rt Hon Lord George Brown
Hon Sir Con O'Neill GCMG
Sir Michael Palliser GCMG
Rt Hon Geoffrey Rippon QC MP
Rt Hon Lord Soames GCMG GCVO CH CBE

The following have not yet accepted :

Rt Hon James Callaghan MP
Rt Hon Dr David Owen MP
Rt Hon Edmund Dell