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VAN DIJK REPORT: PROPOSALS FOR ACTION.

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BACKGROUND

In 2004 the European Commission announced its intention to engage consultants to conduct an evaluation of the European Schools at Culham, Mol, Bergen and Karlsruhe and make proposals for the future of these schools.

The terms of reference of this study were agreed by the Board of Governors by written procedure in 2004. The Bureau Van Dijk Management Consultants was chosen by the European Commission to conduct the study. A *Comité d'Accompagnement* was appointed by the European Commission and the Secretary General was a member of this body.

The Bureau Van Dijk presented its final report in August 2006.

This report was tabled at the meeting of the Board of Governors held in October 2006 and some preliminary remarks were made by some delegations. The Report was discussed more fully at the Board of Governors meeting in January 2007. The remarks made by the members of the Board were recorded in the minutes. (See item 2007-D-272) Members were also invited to make remarks in writing and to send them to the Secretary General. These written remarks appear in Annex 2 of this document.

PROPOSALS

It is proposed as follows

1. That the Board of Governors should formally confirm that the European Schools of Bergen, Karlsruhe and Mol will be maintained as classic Type I European Schools.
2. That the European School of Culham should, over a period of seven years commencing in September 2010, be phased out as a classic European School Type I. (See Annex 3 and 5)
3. That the U.K. delegation and the management of the school explore the possibility of transforming the European School of Culham into an associate, Type III school and report to the Board of Governors proposing deadlines for the identification of the partners/authorities willing to take political, administrative and financial responsibility for the school and indicating the steps which need to be taken to finalise the transformation.
4. That the president of the AFC and two other members of that Committee plus a representative of the European Commission, aided by the General Secretariat, consider the ULB Report on school fees and the elements of the VanDijk Report which refer to fees and make recommendations to the Board, at its meeting in January 2008, for a future fee levels and a future policy on fees.
5. That a proposal be formulated by the Secretary General for the possible creation of an English Language Section at the European School at Mol based upon a global evaluation of the situation of the school. (See Annex 4)

6. That the proposals for part-financing and cooperation by the City of Karlsruhe and the Land of Baden-Württemberg be explored by the Director of the Karlsruhe school and presented to the October meeting of the Board of Governors.

7. The Board of Governors takes note of the intention of the Dutch government to conduct a feasibility study and to formulate a detailed proposal, clearly indicating realistic deadlines and financial implications, on the question of the creation of an annex to the European School of Bergen in The Hague.

8. That a Working Group be set up to evaluate the impact of the Gaignage Report of 2000.

9. The issue of languages in the European Schools is recognised as a very important aspect to be developed in the context of the ongoing reform of the European Schools.

ANNEXES

- Annex 1 – Executive summary of the Van Dijk Report
- Annex 2 – Written remarks received from the various delegations (including Interparents),
- Annex 3 – Document from the European School of Culham
- Annex 4 – Documents from the European School of Mol - Creation of an English section in the European School of Mol.
- Annex 5 - Document from the English Trust for European Education (ETEE)