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On the basis of the analysis and the conclusions established by the Secretary General regarding the application of the enrolment policy for the school year 2008-2009, the Central Enrolment Authority will draw up the 2009-2010 enrolment policy with reference to the following objectives, which are not classified in any particular order of priority:

- To ensure balanced distribution of pupils amongst the Brussels Schools and amongst language sections,

- To guarantee optimum use of resources in order to meet pupils' needs. In that connection, trends in pupil numbers must be monitored carefully in all the sections of the four Brussels Schools, in order to guarantee their proper pedagogical operation and to manage overcrowding across the board,

- To guarantee a place in a Brussels European School for all Category I pupils applying for enrolment,

- To enrol Category II pupils in accordance with the terms of the contracts already in force, as well as admission of the children of the civilian staff of NATO (international civilian staff) subject to the conditions appearing in Annex II,

abiding by the following principles:

- Enrol Nursery and Primary Year 1 pupils in the four Schools according to the distribution proposed in the table appearing in Annex I, up to a maximum of 25 pupils per class. The actual creation of these classes will be dependent on the number of applications admissible under the provisions of the enrolment policy. Should the number of enrolment applications be larger than the number of places offered in a School, there will be a draw, the detailed arrangements for which will be set out by the Central Enrolment Authority in the 2009-2010 Enrolment Policy.

- Guarantee that the siblings of pupils already on roll in a School during the 2008-2009 school year and continuing to attend it during the 2009-2010 school year will be admitted to the same School,

- Guarantee return to the original School where the pupil had spent at least one full school year before the parent was sent on assignment on behalf of the European Commission or was assigned to another post outside Brussels for other EU institutions,

- Restrict transfers between Schools to duly substantiated cases.

- Limit the enrolment of Category III pupils to the siblings of present pupils and to pupils coming from another European School not based in Brussels, abiding strictly by the decisions of the Board of Governors concerning this category of pupils, in view of the demographic pressure which continues to be exerted on the Brussels Schools.

Annex I**PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF CLASSES ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2009**

	BXL I	BXL II	BXL III	BXL IV	TOTAL
Nursery DE	1 class	1 class	1 class	1 class	4 classes
Primary 1 DE	1 class	1 class	1 class	1 class	4 classes

	BXL I	BXL II	BXL III	BXL IV	TOTAL
Nursery FR	3 classes	2 classes	2 classes	3 classes	10 classes
Primary 1 FR	2 classes	2 classes	2 classes	2 classes	8 classes

	BXL I	BXL II	BXL III	BXL IV	TOTAL
Nursery EN	1 class	1 class	2 classes	2 classes	6 classes
Primary 1 EN	1 class	1 class	1 class	1 class	4 classes

	BXL I	BXL II	BXL III	BXL IV	TOTAL
Nursery IT	1 class	1 class	0	1 class	3 classes
Primary 1 IT	1 class	1 class	0	1 class	3 classes

	BXL I	BXL II	BXL III	BXL IV	TOTAL
Nursery NL	0	1 class	1 class	1 class	3 classes
Primary 1 NL	0	1 class	1 class	1 class	3 classes

It should be pointed out that the actual creation of these classes, which will be worked out by the Central Enrolment Authority on the basis of the guidelines decided by the Board of Governors, will depend on the number of enrolment applications admissible under the provisions of the enrolment policy.

Annex II

Extract from the *'Conclusions of the meeting of the Central Enrolment Authority for the Brussels European Schools of 21 May 2007'*, 2007-D-275-en-2:

“Status of the children of the civilian staff of NATO

The Secretary General undertook to investigate the question of the status of the children of civilian staff of NATO for purposes of enrolment in the European Schools of Brussels. He reported to the Authority, as follows:

The definition of Category II pupils given in the Digest of Decisions (p.42) reads as follows – “Category II: Pupils covered by individual agreements or decisions, each entailing specific rights and obligations for the pupils concerned, particularly as regards school fees.”

Category III pupils are defined as “Pupils who do not belong to Categories I and II. These pupils will be admitted to the European Schools in so far as places are available, in accordance with an order of priority listed below. The ordinary school fees fixed by the Board of Governors will be payable for these pupils.”

The Digest of Decisions records further that “The Board of Governors decided in April 1987 that the children of the civilian staff of NATO would be given priority for admission to the European Schools, although they would not be regarded as pupils entitled to automatic admission. This priority would entail the payment of specific school fees.”

Since only three categories of pupil exist and since the children of the civilian staff of NATO are pupils covered by a decision of the Board of Governors entailing specific rights (priority admission) and obligations (payment of a specific fee) it is clear that they belong to Category II. However the Board of Governors clearly decided that, unlike other Category II pupils, they would not have automatic access to enrolment. They would merely enjoy priority over Category III pupils.

The Secretary proposed that, in order to ensure respect for the aforementioned decisions of the Board of Governors, that

1. Applications for enrolment of children of the civilian staff of NATO should not be accepted if they cause the splitting of a class.
2. These applications should be processed before Category III applications but only when sufficient time has been allowed for the enrolment of Category I pupils and all other Category II pupils
3. In all other ways applications from members of the civilian staff of NATO should be treated in the same manner as other applications for Category II pupils.

The Authority accepted these proposals.”