



Luxembourg, 9 March 2011

**RESOLUTION NO. 1/2011 OF THE LOCAL STAFF COMMITTEE  
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APEEE AND THE STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER  
EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL IN LUXEMBOURG**

**Subject: Drastic cuts in the budgets of the European Schools**

*The Local Staff Committee Luxembourg,*

- A. having been informed about plans for serious cuts in the budgets for 2011 and 2012 of the European Schools (ES) – 7 and 17 million € respectively, of which about 2.6 million for Luxembourg in 2011,
- B. noting that the European Institutions have an obligation to provide access to quality education for the children of their staff, who are required to work and live in another country and a different cultural environment,
- C. underlining that the ES's, as has been recognized across Europe, have been from the beginning an example of a new and pioneering approach in education,
- D. underlining that the ES's are not a "luxury" or "benefit" that we could conceivably do without, but, on the contrary, a cornerstone of the Europe of the future, ever since the first ES was founded in Luxembourg in 1953:
  1. is seriously concerned about the survival of the ES system, considering that after the stringent economies practiced in the past few years, any further budget cuts will only be possible by lowering quality standards and by compromising the cultural and linguistic diversity which is the principal and distinguishing characteristic and the main asset of the ES's;
  2. notes that the Europe-wide recognition of the European Baccalaureate, which has been achieved after much time and effort, could be contested again;
  3. strongly opposes, for those reasons, the above mentioned budget cuts, and demands that the European Commission:
    - carries out an impact assessment before implementing any budget cuts or freezes that might cause irreversible damage;
    - provides, subsidiarily, for a budgetary commitment compensating the proposed cuts, on the basis of the revenue generated by the "special levy", which, according to Council Regulation N° 723/2004, has been introduced " ... to reflect the costs of social policy, improved working conditions and the European Schools";
  4. strongly urges the Board of Governors of the ES's:
    - to remind delinquent MS's of their obligation to provide, as soon as possible, teachers according to their national quota;
    - to reconsider the "vertical split" of the ES1 and ES2 in Luxembourg, in view of the considerable savings a "horizontal split" may permit;
  5. instructs its Chairman to transmit this resolution to Vice-President Mr M. ŠEFČOVIČ, to the Secretary General of the ES's Ms R. CHRISTMANN, to all staff representatives of the European Institutions in Luxembourg and elsewhere, and to inform staff.

Adopted by written procedure, 9.3.2011