


**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**  
**External Relations Division**

**To :** Serguei Batanov **Date :** 19 February 1996  
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**Subject :** Assistance for changing my status

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My consultant activities so far in the External Relation Division has been, as stipulated in my contract, focusing on informing, sensitising and disseminating information to Member States having only Embassies in Brussels, to International Presses and to International and Regional organisations dealing directly or indirectly with the activities of the Commission, on the activities of the Commission and the Provisional Technical Secretariat. As a result Member States are more attentive and more interested in the effective implementation of the Convention.

As indicated on several occasions, the nature of the Brussels activities has been changing, in parallel to the activities of the PTS and the Member States and is now more targeting to the Entry into Force of the Convention. As a result, the Member States in Brussels are more attentive and demanding. Our policy and strategies should also be modified in order to take in consideration their requests. One possible strategy would be to intensify the contacts, to widen the items of discussion, to incorporate international and regional organisations in Brussels in our effort to effectively implement the Convention. For instance, to have joint seminars and workshops with European Union institutions, i.e., European Parliament - Committee of Foreign Policy- Sub-Committee of Disarmament and Security, Committee of Development, Joint -Parliamentary of European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group, Disarmament and Arms Control, NGO's etc.

It is my intention to provide analysis and assessment of the situation, based on which we could make policy and determine a strategy. Policy that would target after the EIF of the Convention, on how to deal with Signatory States and State Parties etc..

Therefore, it has now become necessary for me to review my own personal status. As you are aware, I have a student permit, which allows me to work with international organisations dealing directly or indirectly with my studies. My former job with the European Parliament and NGO's in Brussels facilitate so far my contacts with different

institutions at a different level to execute my obligations towards the PTS. However, it has become obvious for several reasons the necessity of changing my status. The change of status will enable me to:

- have the capacity of inviting or organising briefing, meeting, seminars etc.. for the organisation with the Member States, Press, Industrial organisations, NGO's etc.;
- to have access and be informed on the activities of relevant organisations to the Commission activities, European Union, NATO, WEU, ACP, CDI. Access to some of these institutions are limited to international functionaries. Such activities were so far possible because of personal contacts;
- in order to negotiate with Hotels and other financial institutions, which provide special arrangements for international organisations.
- arranging security measures where necessary. In order to have a possibility to request assistance when required the government of Belgium. For example, to provide some required security delegations from capital. As the activities in Brussels will and has been intensifying;
- to facilitate my own travelling on professional visits - the change in my status would facilitate my obtaining visas, etc.

**Note: As mentioned above, due to my former contacts with European Union Institutions, ACP Group and NGO's, I have been able to fulfil my obligations.**

I have made enquires in this regard. Normally, as student of Phd, I am allowed to earn my living in Brussels. My employer (a person or organisation) can request Working permit A or B. Working permit A allow full time working permit and B permit allows only part time employment. Working permit B could be provided by the Burgomaster of the Commune and the employer should have a residence in Brussels or legal status in Belgium. Where working permit "A" is requested to the Ministry of Justices with some clarification and the employer could be outside the country.

As the PTS has no office in Brussels, the only possibility is through the Embassy of Belgium in the Netherlands. The Belgium Embassy has to request for me an "international organisation employee status". The normal procedure is through the Ministry of Foreign Office to be addressed and requested to the Ministry of Justice and Interior. It should be precisely said that I need the "international organisation employee status" exempted from the social security obligations<sup>1</sup>". From the ERD, they might wish

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<sup>1</sup>This point has to be clearly stated in order to avoid misunderstanding with the international employer, where by the organisation payees 300 % of the salary to the social services.

to indicate my salary as the international organisation employee status is granted only for employee earning in net equal or more to 70, 000 BF.

So far I have discussed the issue with Mad. Monice Fevaz in Brussels in ORDEN (Regional office of Brussels for employment). Her direct telephone number is \*3225051697. Mad. Fevaz has told me that if the Embassy of Belgium need some clarification they could call her and she would explain the procedures.

Please find attached the copies of My Identity Card, My passport and Student card.