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While agreeing with most of the amendments tabled, Commissioner Liikanen stated that he could not accept these because it was the Council which was responsible for deciding on the Staff Regulations. However, the Commissioner shared the view that no discrimination against homosexual or heterosexual cohabiting couples was admissible. The Council therefore needed to substantially reform this aspect in accordance with the principle of equal treatment. In this respect, the contribution of those Member States whose legislation was at a more advanced stage, such as the Netherlands and Sweden, could prove decisive.