European audiovisual Observatory, Strasburg 1992: Community participation

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The European Commission presented its report on the implementation of Council Decision 1999/784/EC concerning Community participation in the European Audiovisual Observatory. It is an intermediate report covering both Commission's activities concerning institutional bilateral relations with the Observatory and the latter's main actions effected in respect of industry and public authorities' professional requirements since the adoption of the Council Decision. Beyond the nature of a formal participation in a multilateral international organisation - at present, 35 countries and the European Community are full members of the Observatory, the Council of Europe and Audiovisual Eureka have observers status - the Commission and the Observatory have developed a sound professional partnership benefiting both the industry, who receive a flow of timely information enhancing transparency, and the public authorities, who can launch profitable discussions with the industry representative built on clearer views of the market. Such results have been achieved thanks to the continuing development of a well-structured and efficient network of sources allowing the Observatory to work in close collaboration with the most competent sources of information in the various branches of the industry. The Observatory represents a model of integration between the activities of public bodies and the private sector from several countries, which is able to provide valuable results for a large spectrum of users at reasonable cost in terms of amount financial contributions - for the participants bodies - and access to information for the industry.