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APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME

Addendum 1

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BELGIUM

Procedures for train movements linked to the time change have been well established for some years and do not, in principle, give rise to any difficulties in view of the small number of trains concerned. There is little risk of major problems should changes be made to the application of summer time, provided that the changes also come into force in neighbouring countries, basically so that there is not too much disruption in cross-border traffic.

LUXEMBOURG

To date, Luxembourg has always conformed to the European Union's rules and it may be assumed that this position will be maintained. In order to ensure the homogeneity of timetables, summer time should remain standard within the European Union.

PORTUGAL

Summer time has already been adopted for the year 2001. The changeover will take place at 1 a.m. local time. The dates of the time change have been standardized since 1994, in accordance with the rules in force in the European Union.

SWITZERLAND

Summer time in 2001 came into force on 25 March (clocks changed from 2 a.m. local time to 3 a.m.). Summer time will end on 28 October (clocks change from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m.).