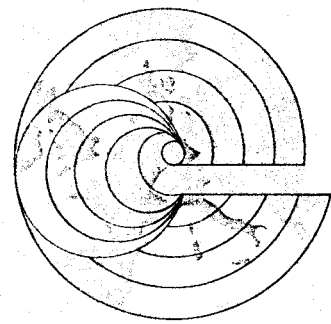


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NEW HEAD FOR COMMISSION'S "DEVELOPMENT" DIRECTORATE GENERAL

Klaus Meyer took office on June 2 as the Commission's Director-General for Development. He succeeds Hans-Broder Krohn, who assumes new responsibilities in assisting Claude Cheysson, Commissioner in charge of Development Policy.

Born in Cologne, on April 10, 1928, Mr. Meyer obtained his doctorate of philosophy and literature at the University of Goettingen, before studying economics in Paris and Goettingen, where he obtained a degree in economics. He joined the German diplomatic service in 1955.

Mr. Meyer's European career began as deputy head of the 'cabinet' (private office) of Walter Hallstein, first EC Commission President. After a two year interruption (1967-69) as a "Ministerial-Dirigent" at the Federal Chancellor's office, he was appointed Deputy Secretary General in the Commission.

Mr. Meyer has recently been involved in particular with the Euro-Arab dialogue and EC political cooperation.

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