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NEW COMMON MARKET COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, November 13 -- Ambassador Guido Brunner has been appointed Member of the Commission of the European Communities with special responsibility for education, research, and science. He replaces Commissioner Ralf Dahrendorf, like Brunner a member of the German Liberal Party (FDP). Ralf Dahrendorf left Brussels in October to become Director of the London School of Economics.

The EC Commission, a 13-member collegiate body, is the Community's policy-proposing institution.

Born in Madrid on May 27, 1930, Guido Brunner studied law and economics, between 1949 and 1954, at the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg, and Madrid, and obtained a law degree both in Madrid and Munich. Immediately afterwards, he joined the German Foreign Ministry, working in Bonn with Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano. Sent abroad (to the German Consulate in Liverpool and to the Embassy in Madrid) in 1957, in 1958, he returned to Bonn, where he worked for two years with the Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.

From 1960 to 1968, Guido Brunner was a member of Germany's observer Mission to the United Nations (UN) in New York. He was a member of the German delegation to the UN Conferences on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva in 1964 and in New Delhi in 1968 and of the German delegation to the Geneva negotiations for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (1966 and 1968).

Brunner returned to the German Foreign Office in 1968, where he worked in the office for scientific and technological affairs and in the political affairs division. At the same time, he was Deputy Head of the German delegation to the International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium (Intelsat) negotiations in Washington.

Appointed in 1970 by Foreign Minister Walter Scheel as spokesman of his ministry, Brunner participated in several meetings of the EC Council of Ministers and in his Government's main international negotiations: EC political consultations, ministerial meetings of the North Atlantic Treaty Association, and in negotiations for the Moscow Treaty with the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Treaty with Poland, and the opening of diplomatic relations with Peking.

From 1972 until his nomination to the European Commission, Brunner was in charge of the Foreign Office planning staff. In November 1972 he was the head of the German delegation to the opening of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in Helsinki. Since 1973, he represented his country at the CSCE in Geneva.

Brunner belongs to the Committee on security problems of the Federal Bureau of the German Liberal Party.

Brunner assumed his new duties immediately and participated in his first Commission meeting on November 14.