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/ PRESIDENT DELORS TO MEET PRESIDENT CLINTON AND US ADMINISTRATION

EC Commission President Jacques Delors will be in Washington March 18 and 19 for first meetings with President Bill Clinton, Vice President Albert Gore and key members of the new Administration. Mr. Delors arrives in the United States following a series of meetings with President Aylwin of Chile, President Menem of Argentina and President Salinas of Mexico during a March 11-17 tour of the three Latin American countries.

Mr. Delors' meetings in Washington are expected to focus on a wide range of political and economic matters including the global economy, trade matters and completion of the GATT Uruguay Round, the political and economic situation in the former Soviet Union, and the deepening conflict among the republics of the former Yugoslavia.

On the Administration side on March 18, Mr. Delors will have a working lunch with Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, followed by a meeting with Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Anthony Lake and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert Rubin. On March 19, he will see Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Strobe Talbott, Ambassador-at-large and Special Advisor designate on the New Independent States, for an exchange of views on the situation there.

On Capitol Hill, he will meet with Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind) and members of the House Foreign Relations Committee, as well as Rep. Sam Gibbons (D-Fla.) and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) and the House Ways and Means Committee.

While in Washington, President Delors will receive the World Leadership Award from the International Management and Development Institute (IMDI). The award ceremony will take place at IMDI's World Leadership Conference. For more information contact: Julie Burns, tel. (202) 337-1022.

Jacques Delors

Jacques Delors was first appointed President of the EC Commission in January 1985. Many of the instruments crucial to the 1992 program - the White Paper, the Single European Act, budgetary reform - were introduced during his first term. Based on this success, his mandate for a second term starting January 1989 was renewed at the Hanover European Council in 1988. It was renewed for a third term at the Lisbon European Council in June 1992.

Before becoming Commission President, Mr. Delors served as Minister of Finance in the French Government from 1981 to 1984. A member of the Central Committee of the French Socialist Party, Delors was also Town Councillor, and later Mayor, of Clichy from 1983 to 1984. From 1979 to 1981, he was a Member of the European Parliament, where he was a Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. He has held several positions in the Bank of France, including Member of the General Council from 1973 to 1979. He was also Secretary-General for the Interdepartmental Committee for Vocational Training and Social Advancement from 1969 to 1973. Jacques Delors was born July 20, 1925. He is married to Marie Lephaille and has a daughter, Martine.

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