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VICE PRESIDENT BANGEMANN TO VISIT U.S.

Martin Bangemann, EC Commission Vice President responsible for Internal Market and Industrial Affairs, will be in Washington DC June 19 to 21 for talks with members of the United States government on a wide range of commercial and economic issues. Amongst the matters to be discussed will be the completion of the EC's single market in 1992, standardization and testing and certification questions and the need to reinforce international standards, and the respective approaches of the EC and the US to industrial policy and competitiveness.

On the Administration side, Vice President Bangemann will meet with US Secretary of Commerce Robert Mosbacher, and with US Trade Representative Carla Hills, and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger. At a seminar on June 21 which Secretary Mosbacher and the Vice President, as well as standards experts, will attend, the discussions are expected to focus on EC-US cooperation in the area of standardization and conformity assessment.

On Capitol Hill, Bangemann will meet Majority Leader of the House of Representatives Richard Gephardt (D.-Mo.) and Sam Gibbons (D.-Fla.), Chairman of the International Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

At 8.00 a.m. Thursday, June 20 Vice President Bangemann will address an International Forum Breakfast hosted by the US Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street NW, on the EC's approach to industrial policy. The breakfast is open to the public. There is a charge of \$27.50 payable at the door.

At 11 a.m., Friday, June 21, Vice President Bangemann will give a one-hour press conference at the Delegation of the EC Commission (2100 M Street NW, Suite 707). Members of the press are invited to attend.

Biographical Note

Martin Bangemann has been EC Commission Vice President for Internal Market and Industrial Affairs and Relations with the European Parliament since 1989.

Before his appointment to the Commission, Mr. Bangemann was Federal Minister for Economics in the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany from 1984 to 1988.

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A member of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) since 1963, Mr. Bangemann has spent most of his professional life in national and European politics. He has served twice in the Bundestag (German Parliament) -- most recently from 1987 to 1989, and before that from 1972 to 1980. He has been both Federal Chairman (1985 to 1988) and Federal Vice Chairman (1975-1979) of the FDP.

Mr. Bangemann has also served in the European Parliament. From 1979 to 1984 he was Chairman of the Parliament's Liberal and Democratic Group, for which he was also Vice Chairman from 1975 to 1979. In 1978 he worked as rapporteur for the 1979 European Community budget. He first became a Member of the European Parliament in 1973.

Born on November 15, 1934, in Wanzleben, near Magdeburg in the former East Germany, Mr. Bangemann studied law at the Universities of Tuebingen and Munich, and received a doctoral degree from the University of Munich. In 1964 he took up the practice of law in Stuttgart and Metzingen.

Mr. Bangemann is married to the former Renate Bauer and they have five children.

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