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VICE PRESIDENT BRITTAN TO SIGN FIRST U.S.-E.C. ANTITRUST AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON

Sir Leon Brittan, Vice President of the EC Commission with responsibility for Competition (Antitrust) and Financial Institutions, will be in Washington DC September 22-24 to sign a new antitrust agreement with the United States on behalf of the European Community.

During his visit, the Vice President will also meet with members of the US Administration, with Chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan, and with Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission Richard C. Breeden. On Capitol Hill, Sir Leon will see Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and will meet with House Banking Committee members, including Reps. John J. LaFalce (D-NY), Stephen L. Neal (D-NC) and Doug Barnard (D-Ga).

Sir Leon's present agenda for the visit also includes:

- a September 22 keynote address entitled "Europe in the '90s: Integration and Disintegration" at the opening of the European Institute conference "European Investment in the United States: Unity and Fragmentation in the American Market" which takes place September 22-23 at the Four Seasons Hotel;
- a 9 a.m. **Morning Newsmaker on September 23 at the National Press Club (13th Floor)**, 14 & F Streets N.W. Sir Leon will brief the press and answer questions on developments in EC financial services and banking reform. **Members of the press are invited to attend;**
- at 10 a.m. on September 23, the signing of the antitrust agreement in the Attorney General's Conference Room, Fifth Floor, US Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. The US will be represented by the Acting Attorney General William P. Barr, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission Janet D. Steiger, and by Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice James F. Rill. **Press is invited to attend the signing which will be followed by a press conference and photo opportunities;**
- on September 24, a keynote address at the 16th Annual Conference of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). Other participants in the conference include US Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas F. Brady, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan, and Michael J. Boskin, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors. The conference takes place September 23-25 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Sir Leon Brittan

Sir Leon has been a Vice President of the Commission since January 1989 when he was appointed EC Commissioner for Competition and Financial Institutions.

Sir Leon, who was a Conservative member of the British Parliament from 1974-1988, held several Cabinet posts in the British government after the Conservative victory in the 1979 General Election. He served as

Secretary of State for Industry and Trade (1985-1986), Home Secretary (1983-1985), Chief Secretary to the Treasury (1981-1983), and Minister of State at the Home Office (1979-1981). While in Opposition (1974-1979), he was a front bench spokesman on devolution and employment.

Sir Leon is also author of numerous publications, including "A New Deal for Health Care" and "Defense and Arms Control in a Changing Era" (both 1988).

Born in London on September 25, 1939, Sir Leon was educated at Trinity college, Cambridge and was a Henry Fellow at Yale University. In 1962, he was called to the Bar and in 1978 received the prestigious appointment as Queen's Counsel. In 1983, he became a member of the governing board of the Inner Temple, one of London's four unincorporated legal societies.

The US has always interested Vice President Brittan. From 1970 to 1978, he was a member of the European North American Committee. He studied at Yale and represented his home university, Cambridge, in a debating tour of the US in 1960.

Sir Leon is married and has two stepdaughters. He was knighted in January 1989.

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