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NEW E.C. COMMISSION TAKES OFFICE

A new Commission of the European Communities begins a four-year term of office on January 6. Its inaugural meeting will be January 7.

Jacques Delors of France will be the new Commission president, succeeding Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg. Three members of the old Commission -- Frans Andriessen, Karl-Heinz Narjes and Lorenzo Natali -- will keep their seats.

The other new members are Claude Cheysson, Henning Christophersen, Willy De Clercq, Lord Cockfield, Stanley Clinton Davis, Nicolas Mosar, Alois Pfeiffer, Carlo Ripa di Meana, Peter Sutherland and Grigoris Varfis.

The Commission is responsible for applying and enforcing treaties of the European Community. It proposes policies and legislation and oversees Community administration.

The Commission's 14 members -- two each from France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom and one each from the six other member states -- act in the Community's interest independently of their national governments. They are appointed to four-year terms by unanimous agreement among the E.C. member states.

Commissioners have their offices in Brussels, where most Commission meetings are held. The Commission, with administrative units in both Brussels and Luxembourg, has a staff of more than 12,000 in 20 directorates-general.

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Jacques Delors (President)	Secretariat-General Legal Service Spokesman's Group Joint Interpreting and Conference Service Security Office Monetary Affairs Coordination of Structural Funds
Lorenzo Natali (Vice-President)	Cooperation and Development Enlargement
Claude Cheysson (Vice-President)	Mediterranean policy and North-South Relations
Karl-Heinz Narjes (Vice-President)	Industrial Affairs Information Technologies Research and Science Joint Research Centre
Frans Andriessen (Vice-President)	Agriculture Fisheries
Lord Cockfield (Vice-President)	Internal Market Customs Union Service Taxation Financial Institutions
Alois Pfeiffer (Member of the Commission)	Economic Affairs Employment Credit and Investments Statistical Office
Grigoris Varfis (Member of the Commission)	Regional Policy Relations with the European Parliament
Willy De Clercq (Member of the Commission)	External Relations and Commercial Policy
Nicolas Mosar (Member of the Commission)	Energy Euratom Supply Agency Office for Official Publications

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Stanley Clinton Davis
(Member of the Commission)

Environment
Consumer Protection
Nuclear Safety
Forests
Transport

Carlo Ripa di Meana
(Member of the Commission)

Institutional Questions
Problems concerning the "People's Europe"
Information Policy
Culture
Tourism

Henning Christophersen
(Member of the Commission)

Budget
Financial Control
Personnel and Administration

Peter Sutherland
(Member of the Commission)

Competition
Social Affairs
Education and Vocational Training

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON E.C. COMMISSIONERS
in Alphabetical Order

Frans Andriessen (Netherlands)

Mr. Andriessen has been a member of the Commission since 1981 with responsibility for competition and relations with the European Parliament. He was Minister of Finance in the Dutch government from 1977 to 1979. Mr. Andriessen was a member of the First Chamber, or Senate, of the Dutch Parliament in 1980. He served in the Parliament's Second Chamber from 1967 to 1977, and was Chairman of the Catholic People's Party group there from 1971 to 1977. Birth Date: April 2, 1929.

Claude Cheysson (France)

A former Commission member, Mr. Cheysson became Minister of Foreign Affairs in the French government in 1981. During his first term on the Commission, from 1973 to 1977, he was in charge of development and cooperation policy, the budget and financial control. From 1977 to 1981, his Commission portfolios were development policy and relations with the Third World. Mr. Cheysson was Chairman of the Board of l'Entreprise Minière et Chimique, France's largest state chemical company, from 1970 to 1973. He has also been Ambassador to Indonesia (1966-69), Director-General of the Sahara Authority in Algiers (1962-65) and Secretary-General of the Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa and the Sahara (1957-62). Mr. Cheysson was Chef de Cabinet to Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France (1954-55) and was a member of the French delegation to the Geneva Conference on Indochina. Birth Date: April 13, 1920.

Henning Christophersen (Denmark)

Mr. Christophersen was Denmark's Minister for Finance and Deputy Prime Minister from 1982 to 1984. He was Minister for Foreign Affairs from 1978 to 1979 and National Auditor from 1976 to 1978. Mr. Christophersen was elected in 1971 to the Danish Parliament, where he served as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee (1975), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee (1979-81) and Chairman of the Liberal Party group (1979-82). He was Chairman of the Liberal Party's national organization in 1978. Birth Date: November 8, 1939.

Willy De Clercq (Belgium)

Mr. De Clercq was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Foreign Trade in the Belgian government from 1981 to 1984. A barrister, he has held a variety of other ministerial positions, including Minister of Finance (1974-77), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (1973-74) and

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Budget (1966-68). Mr. De Clercq was a member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1981. He was President of the Flemish Liberal Party from 1971 to 1973, and again from 1977 to 1981. Birth Date: July 8, 1927.

Lord Cockfield (United Kingdom)

Lord Cockfield was Secretary of State for Trade in the British government from 1982 to 1983, and Minister of State, Treasury, from 1979 to 1982. He was chairman of the Price Commission from 1973 to 1977 and adviser on taxation policy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1970 to 1973. Lord Cockfield was a member of the National Economic Development Council from 1962 to 1964 and from 1982 to 1984. He was Financial Director, then Managing Director and Chairman of the Executive Management Committee for Boots Pure Drug Co. between 1953 and 1967. He was created a life peer in 1978. Birth Date: September 28, 1916.

Stanley Clinton Davis (United Kingdom)

Mr. Davis became a member of the British Parliament in 1970, following a career on the Hackney Borough Council. He was an M.P. until 1983, serving as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade, with responsibility for companies, aviation and shipping (1974-79); opposition spokesman for trade (1979-81); and opposition spokesman for foreign affairs (1981-83). In the latter position, Mr. Davis had special responsibility for Southern Africa, Latin and Central America, the Caribbean and Canada. Birth Date: December 6, 1928

Jacques Delors (France)

Mr. Delors leaves a post as Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget in the French government. A former member of the European Parliament (1979-81), he is an economist and long-time economic adviser to President François Mitterrand. Mr. Delors worked on the staff of Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas from 1969 to 1972. He was also Secretary-General for the Interministerial Committee for Vocational Training and Social Promotion from 1969 to 1973. Mr. Delors held several positions with the Bank of France, including member of the General Council from 1973 to 1979. Mr. Delors joined the Socialist Party in 1974 and was its delegate for international economic relations from 1976 to 1979. Birth Date: July 20, 1925.

Nicolas Mosar (Luxembourg)

Mr. Mosar was a member of the Luxembourg Parliament from 1964 until his appointment to the Commission, and was Vice-President of the Parliament's Chamber of Deputies from 1980 to 1984. He was a member of the Luxembourg city council from 1970 to 1975. Mr. Mosar was national President of the Christian Social Party (P.C.S.) from 1972 to 1974 and Secretary-General from 1959 to 1972. He was Chairman of the parliamentary P.C.S. group from 1979

to 1984. Birth Date: November 25, 1927.

Karl-Heinz Narjes (Federal Republic of Germany)

Mr. Narjes has been a member of the Commission since 1981 with responsibility for the internal market, industrial innovation, the Customs Union Service, environment and consumer protection, and nuclear safety. He was Director-General of Press and Information for the Commission from 1968 to 1969 and was Chef de Cabinet to the Commission President from 1963 to 1968. Mr. Narjes was a member of the German Bundestag from 1972 to 1981. He was president of its Economic Affairs Committee from 1972 to 1976 and a member of its Foreign Affairs Committee from 1976 to 1980. Birth Date: January 30, 1924.

Lorenzo Natali (Italy)

Mr. Natali has been Vice-President of the Commission since 1977. He has been responsible since 1981 for Mediterranean policy, enlargement and information. From 1977 to 1981, he was in charge of enlargement, the environment, nuclear safety and relations with the European Parliament. Before he joined the Commission, Mr. Natali held several positions in the Italian government, including Minister of Agriculture (1970-73), Minister of Tourism and Entertainment (1968-69), Minister of Public Works (1968) and Minister for the Merchant Marine (1966-68). Birth Date: October 2, 1922.

Alois Pfeiffer (Federal Republic of Germany)

Mr. Pfeiffer, an active trade unionist, has been a member of the Community's Economic and Social Committee since 1974. He has been a member since 1975 of the German Trade Union Federation's federal executive, responsible for national and international economic policy. He has also served as Vice-President of the International Plantation Workers' Federation and President of the European Federation of Agricultural Workers. Beginning in 1949, he held a series of posts with the Horticultural, Agricultural and Forestry Workers' Union, including President. Birth Date: September 25, 1924.

Peter D. Sutherland (Ireland)

Mr. Sutherland joins the Commission from a post as Attorney-General of Ireland. He held that position from June 1981 to August 1982, and was reappointed in December 1982. As Attorney-General, he was a member of Ireland's Council of State. Mr. Sutherland was a practicing member of the Irish bar from 1969 to 1981 and senior counsel in 1980. He was a member of the Fine Gael Party's strategy committee from 1978 to 1981 and Director of Policy Program for the 1981 general election. Birth Date: April 25, 1946.

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Carlo Ripa di Meana (Italy)

Mr. Ripa di Meana, a journalist and active member of the Italian Socialist Party (P.S.I.), served in the European Parliament from 1979 to 1984. He was a strong supporter there of the draft Treaty Establishing the European Union. In 1983, he became President of the Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Problems of Development. Mr. Ripa di Meana was responsible for international relations in the P.S.I. from 1979 to 1980, and he was Secretary-General of the Turati Club, a Socialist association, from 1967 to 1976. In the 1950's, Mr. Ripa di Meana co-founded the weekly publication "Nuova Generazione" ("New Generation") and the magazine "Passato e Presente" ("Past and Present"). Birth Date: August 15, 1929.

Grigoris Varfis (Greece)

Mr. Varfis is a long-time adviser to the Greek government on European Community matters. He was Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with responsibility for E.C. questions from 1982 to 1983, and Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Coordination from 1981 to 1982. As Director-General of the Ministry of Coordination from 1974 to 1977, Mr. Varfis participated in negotiations for entry of Greece to the Community. From 1963 to 1974, he was economic adviser to Greece's Permanent Representative to the European Community in Brussels. Mr. Varfis has been active in the Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK), and has been involved in drafting its economic program. Birth Date: January 2, 1927.

