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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OFFICIALS TO SPEAK AT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SEMINAR ON EEC

Three European Community officials and six European lawyers will participate next month in a two-day national institute on "Current Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the European Economic Community." The seminar is sponsored by the International Law Section of the American Bar Association.

To be held November 9 and 10 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C., the institute is expected to attract up to 200 U.S. lawyers who are interested in finding out current information on key legal developments and trends in the nine-nation Common Market, which comprises one of the greatest concentrations of American business activity outside the United States. In 1976, for example, U.S. trade with the Nine amounted to \$42.8 billion.*

Since the political, economic and legal situations in these nations is of critical importance to American lawyers advising clients who have business transactions in Europe, the ABA Section of International Law organized a national institute bringing together a faculty of American and European experts. A similar seminar on Europe was last held in 1971.

The program will focus on the concerns of practicing lawyers who advise American businesses, foreign companies and multinational enterprises active in the Common Market nations. The speakers will emphasize important EEC legal matters -- such as decisions pertaining to the rules on competition -- as well as developments within the different nations. Trends in European labor legislation, including the practice of "Co-determination" under which trade unions and management are represented on corporate boards; energy and environmental regulations; industrial property rights; tax aspects and securities regulations are other subjects that will be covered in the seminar.

* U.S. Department of Commerce figures.

The Honorable Fernand Spaak, Head of Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United States, will address a luncheon session of the seminar on Thursday, November 10. Pierre Mathijsen, director general of regional policy for the Commission, will address the seminar on Investment Incentives and Controls on Wednesday, November 9. Bastiaan van der Esch, senior legal consellor for the Commission's legal service, will take part in a roundtable discussion on competition policy on Thursday, November 10. The Commission of the European Communities has its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

In addition to the EC officials, lawyers from Belgium, Germany, France and England will be represented on the seminar program.

The International Bar Association is holding a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, just prior to the ABA National Institute, and lawyers from European and other countries who will attend that meeting are also expected to attend the Washington program.

Further information and registration at the ABA National Institute program on doing business in the European Economic Community can be obtained at the ABA National Institutes, American Bar Association, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60637.