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### NEW HEAD OF PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW YORK

The new head of the New York Press and Information Office of the EC Delegation to the United States, Michael J. Lake, has taken up his post.

Mr. Lake comes to New York after a four and a half year stint as press spokesman for the EC Commission in Britain, during which time the British people held a referendum to continue membership of the EC.

Mr. Lake joined the staff of the Commission in 1973 after 19 years in journalism, much of this time as a political and foreign correspondent.

He worked as a correspondent for the New Zealand Herald, in Auckland; The Scotsman in London; the IPC Sun and finally four years for the Guardian. He travelled extensively in Europe, east and west, in Africa, particularly in Rhodesia, and the Caribbean. He visited the United States several times.

For 10 years Mr. Lake was a regular commentator on foreign affairs for the BBC World Services.

Mr. Lake was born and educated in New Zealand. He is married with two daughters and another expected in June.