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THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The new Commission of the European Communities, appointed by the member governments for the period 6 January 1981 to 5 January 1985 now has 14 members with the advent of Greece. Their names, together with their main portfolios are as follows:

<u>Mr Gaston Thorn</u> (Luxembourger): President	Secretariat General Legal Service Spokesman's Group Security Cultural affairs
<u>Mr Frans H J J Andriessen</u> (Dutch):	Competition policy Relations with the European Parliament
<i>EDGARD PISANI</i> <u>Mr Claude Cheysson</u> (French):	Development
<u>Vicomte Etienne Davignon</u> (Belgian):	Industrial affairs Energy Euratom Supply Agency Research and Science Joint Research Centre
<u>Mr Antonio Giolitti</u> (Italian):	Regional policy Coordination of Community funds
<i>POUL DALSGAARD</i> <u>Mr Finn Gundelach</u> (Danish):	Agriculture Fisheries (for a transitional period)
<u>Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp</u> (German):	External relations including nuclear matters
<u>Mr Georges Kontogeorgis</u> (Greek):	Transport Fisheries (after a transitional period) Coordination of tourism questions
<u>Mr Lorenzo Natali</u> (Italian):	Overall Mediterranean policy Enlargement Information
<u>Mr Karl-Heinz Narjes</u> (German):	Internal market and industrial innovation Customs union Environment and consumer protection Nuclear safety
<u>Mr Michael O'Kennedy</u> (Irish):	President's delegate Personnel and administration Statistical Office Publications Office
<u>Mr François-Xavier Ortoli</u> (French):	Economic and financial affairs Credit and investment
<u>Mr Ivor Richard</u> (British):	Employment and Social affairs Tripartite conference Education and professional training
<u>Mr Christopher Tugendhat</u> (British):	Budget and financial control Financial institutions Fiscal affairs

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Mr Gaston Egmont THORN - President

Born 3 September 1928 in Luxembourg. Married, with one son.

Arrested for political activity under the German occupation in 1943 and sent to Stahleck camp for young offenders. After the war he studied at the Universities of Montpellier, Lausanne and Paris where he took a law degree and was admitted to the Luxembourg Bar in 1957.

In 1959 he was elected as a Member of Parliament on the Democratic Party (Liberal) list and has been re-elected at every general election since. He has held a series of important political posts both on the national and the international stage:

- 1959 - 1969 Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President of the Liberal Group
- 1961 - 1980 President of the Luxembourg Democratic Party
- 1976 - 1980 President of the Federation of Liberal and Democratic Parties of the European Community
- 1975 - 1976 President of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly
- 1968 - 1974 Foreign Minister in a Christian-Social/Democratic Party coalition government
- 1974 - 1979 President and Foreign Minister of a Liberal/Socialist coalition government
- 1979 - 1980 Vice-President, combining several posts including Minister of Justice and of Foreign Trade in a Christian-Social/Democratic Party coalition

January 1981 President of the Commission of the European Community.

Mr Thorn is also an honorary doctor of Aix (France), Louvain (Belgium), Miami and Texas Wesleyan (USA) and London Universities. He won the Robert Schuman Prize in 1977.

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Mr Frans H J J ANDRIESSEN

Born in Utrecht on 2 April 1929. Married, with four children.

Took a law degree at the University of Utrecht in 1951, and from 1954-1972 worked in various capacities in the Catholic Institute for Social Housing (Katholiek Instituut voor Volkshuisvesting) before becoming Director.

- 1967 - 1977 Member of the Second Chamber of the States-General (Parliament), specialising initially in housing matters
- 1971 - 1977 President of the Katholieke Volks Party (KVP) in the Second Chamber
- 1977 - 1979 Minister of Finance
- 1980 Member of the First Chamber of the States-General

He is a Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion, and an officer of the Orange-Nassau Order.

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Mr Claude CHEYSSON

E. PISANI

Born 19 April 1920. Married, with six children.

Following the War where, as a member of the Free French Forces, he was awarded the Croix de guerre and the Legion d'honneur, he studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) and later held a series of government posts as political or technical adviser on Vietnam, Moroccan and Tunisian independence, and was Secretary-General of the Commission on Technical Cooperation in Africa south of the Sahara in 1957. As Chef de Cabinet in M. Mendes France's administration he was a member of the French delegation at the Geneva Conference on Indo-China in 1954.

1966 - 1970 Ambassador to Indonesia

1970 Chairman of the Board of 'Entreprise miniere et chimique', France's largest chemical concern

1973 - 1976 Member of the European Commission, responsible for relations with developing countries

1977 - 1980 Reappointed member of the European Commission, with continuing responsibility for relations with the Third World.

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Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON

Belgian nationality, born in Budapest on 4 October 1932. Married, with three children.

A Doctor of Law, he entered the Belgian Foreign Ministry in 1959, and following various appointments, became Chef de Cabinet first to Mr Spaak and then to Mr Harmel from 1964 - 1969.

1974 Appointed Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency

1977 - 1980 Member of the European Commission, responsible for industrial affairs and the Customs Union.

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Mr Antonio GIOLITTI

Born 12 February 1915 in Rome. Married, with three children.

Active in the Resistance and wounded in 1944, the following year he returned to Italy and was elected on the PCI (Communist) list to the Constituent Assembly (Parliament). He left the PCI in 1957, and in 1958 joined the PSI (Socialist Party), becoming a member of its Central Committee and later in charge of its Economic Committee.

1974 Represented the Italian Government at the IVth special session of the UN General Assembly and was President of the OECD Council of Ministers

1977 - 1980 Member of the European Commission, responsible for the co-ordination of Community Funds and regional policy.

Has published several books: Il comunismo in Europa 1960
Riforme e Rivoluzione 1957
Un socialismo possibile 1967

Founded and directed the monthly review 'Passato e Presente' between 1957 and 1960.

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Mr Finn GUNDELACH *POUL DAHSAGER.*

Born 23 April 1925 in Vejle (Denmark).

Took a degree in economics at Aarhus University in 1951, and then worked in the Foreign Affairs Ministry until 1955, with responsibility for matters concerning NATO and the OECD. Following a period from 1955 - 1959 as Denmark's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva he became a director of GATT, and Deputy-General of GATT (Kennedy Round) from 1962 - 1967.

1967 - 1972 Ambassador, and head of the Danish delegation to the European Community negotiating Denmark's entry to the Community

1973 - 1980 Member and Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for agriculture and fishing from 1977-1980.

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Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Born 1 July 1923 in Duisburg.

Following military service from 1942 - 1946, he took his degree in Economics and Social Sciences at Cologne University. He was appointed head of the Social Policy Department of the Regional Centre of the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein-Westfalen in 1950, and was President of the Regional Confederation from 1957 - 1963. A member of the Consultative Committee of the ECSC High Authority, in July 1967 he was appointed to the European Commission responsible for energy, and later for the internal Community market and harmonization of legislation.

1977 - 1980 Vice-President of the Commission, responsible for external affairs.

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Mr Georges KONTOGEORGIS

Born 21 November 1912. Married.

Graduate of Athens University in Economic and Commercial Science. From 1941 - 1952 he was principal administrator to the Ministries of Economy and of Trade. As Director-General of the Ministry of Trade he resigned in 1967 and did not return to public life until 1974 after the fall of the junta.

1974 - 1977 Member of the Greek government and Secretary of State for Economic Coordination and Planning

1977 Elected to the Greek Parliament (Party of the New Democracy). Minister for relations with the EC where he led the negotiations for Greek entry.

Publications: The Association of Greece with the European Community 1961.

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Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Born on 2 October 1922 in Florence. Married, with two daughters.

A volunteer in the Italian liberation corps in 1944, he was decorated for bravery and wounded in action. A member of the Christian-Democrat Party, he was later elected seven consecutive times to the Italian Parliament for the Abruzzi constituency, where he held a series of ministerial posts, including Tourism, Public Works and Agriculture.

1977 - 1980 Member and Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for enlargement, the environment, nuclear safety and relations with the European Parliament.

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Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Born on 30 January 1924 at Soltau. Married, with two children.

A submarine commander during the war, he was captured and started his law studies in British and Canadian prisoner-of-war camps, finally graduating from Hamburg University in 1953, having specialised in constitutional and economic law. After a period in the Foreign Affairs Ministry he became Chef de Cabinet to Walter Hallstein, President of the European Commission in 1963, and from 1968 - 1969, Director-General of the Press and Information Directorate of the Commission.

1969 - 1973 Minister of the Economy and of Transport in the state (Land) Parliament of Schleswig-Holstein, and member of the Bundestag in 1972

1972 - 1976 President of the Commission on economic affairs in the Bundestag, and a member of the foreign affairs Commission. Re-elected in 1980.

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Mr Michael O'KENNEDY

Born on 21 February 1936 at Nenagh (Tipperary county). Married with three children.

A graduate in law from Dublin University, he was elected to the Senate in 1965, and to the Dail in 1969, where he held various government posts.

1973 - 1977 Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs

1977 - 1979 Minister of Foreign Affairs, and President of the Council of Ministers of the Community from June - December 1979

1979 - 1980 Minister of finance.

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Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Born 16 February 1925 at Ajaccio (Corsica). Married, with four children.

With a law degree from Indo-China, he studied at Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in 1947. Following a variety of jobs in government service, in 1958 he became Director-General of the Internal Market directorate at the European Commission and, in May 1961 Secretary-General of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for European Economic Cooperation.

In 1962 he returned to French government service as Technical Adviser and then Director of the Private Office of the Prime Minister, later holding a series of important posts, including General Commissioner for Planning.

- 1967 - 1972 In succession was Minister of Education, Economic Affairs and Finance, and Industrial and Scientific Development
- 1973 - 1976 President of the Commission of the European Communities
- 1977 - 1980 Vice-President of the Commission with responsibility for economic and financial affairs.

Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, Médaille militaire, Commandeur de l'ordre national du Mérite, Croix de Guerre 1939-45, Médaille de la Résistance.

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Mr Ivor Seward RICHARD

Born 30 May 1932. Married, with three children.

Graduated in law from Pembroke College, Oxford in 1953 and admitted to the Bar in 1955.

- 1964 - 1974 Member of Parliament for Baron's Court, and from 1969-1970 was Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence. In Opposition was spokesman on telecommunications and later on foreign affairs.
- 1974 - 1979 UK Permanent Representative at the United Nations.

Member of the Fabian Society and the Society of Labour Lawyers, and has been a governor of the Atlantic Institute.

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Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Born 23 February 1937 in London. Married, with two children.

Graduated in 1960 from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with an Honours degree in History, and became a journalist on the Financial Times.

- 1970 - 1976 Member of Parliament (Conservative) representing the City of London and Westminster. Opposition spokesman on employment and later on foreign affairs.
- 1977 - 1980 Member of the European Commission responsible for the budget, financial control, personnel and administration.

Publications: Oil: The Biggest Business 1968
The Multinationals 1971

Pamphlets: Britain, Europe and the Third World 1976
Conservatives in Europe 1979

Was a director of Sunningdale Oils 1971 - 1976 and consultant to Philips Petroleum International Ltd. 1972 - 1976.

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