

HUGO PAEMEN

PRESENT POSITION

Deputy Director-General
D.G. I - External Relations
Commission of the European Communities
With special responsibility for
Directorate A: GATT, OECD, Commercial questions with respect to agriculture, fisheries, Export credit policy and Export promotion, Internal market; and
Directorate D: Sectoral commercial questions, Economic analysis, External relations in research, science and nuclear energy fields.

PAST POSITIONS

Spokesman
Commission of the European Communities
Brussels, Belgium 1985-87

Chef de Cabinet to
Vice President Davignon
Commission of the European Communities
Responsible for Industrial Affairs, Energy, Science, Research and Development 1977-84

Economic Minister
Embassy of Belgium, Washington, D.C. 1974-77

Spokesman of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Brussels
1969-74

Attache (Economic Affairs)
Embassy of Belgium, Washington, D.C. 1965-68

Member of the Belgian Delegation to GATT, Geneva
1963-64

PERSONAL DATA

Born October 28, 1934; Erps-Kwerps, Belgium
Nationality Belgian
Marital status Married
Languages English, Dutch, French, German

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Degree in Political and Social Sciences, and in Arts and Philosophy, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium

TRAVELS ABROAD

Several business trips to the U.S. as an official of the EC; worked at the Belgium Embassy 1974-77; has also traveled in Asia and throughout Western Europe.

DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

PRESS AND INFORMATION

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

HUGO PAEMEN, SPOKESMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Mr. Hugo Paemen was born in Erps-Kwerps, Belgium, on October 28, 1934, and received a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science.

From 1963 to 1964, Mr. Paemen was a member of the Belgian Delegation to GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) in Geneva. He was Economics Attache at the Belgian Embassy in Paris from 1965 to 1968, and Spokesman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels from 1969 to 1974. From 1974 to 1977, he was Minister-Counsellor for Economic Affairs at the Belgian Embassy in Washington, D.C. In 1977, he became Chief of Staff to Mr. Etienne Davignon, Vice President of the Commission of the European Communities responsible for industrial affairs, energy, and research and development.

Mr. Paemen was appointed Spokesman of the Commission of the European Communities on February 18, 1985.

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