

Filippo Maria PANDOLFI

Born November 1, 1927 in Bergamo, Filippo Maria PANDOLFI, graduated in philosophy, and ran a publishing business before entering full-time political activity. He was first elected to Parliament in 1968 as Christian Democrat deputy for the constituency of Bergamo-Brescia (Lombardy). In the four successive general elections from 1976 onwards he was top of the list for preference votes received.

From 1974 until 1976 he held the post of under-secretary at the Ministry of Finance and thereafter until 1988 he was in turn, Minister of Finance, Minister of the Treasury, Minister of Industry and Minister of Agriculture. In 1979 and 1980 he was Chairman of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund.

In the course of his ministerial career he has tackled many of the major issues confronting the European Community, among them the introduction of VAT, the negotiation for the launching of the European Monetary System, the crisis in the steel industry, the energy question, and the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

He is married with four children.

