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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

VASSO PAPANDREOU, MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, RESPONSIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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