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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CORRADO PIRZIO-BIROLI, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
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Dr. Corrado Pirzio-Biroli, an Italian citizen, was born on November 25, 1940. He earned a doctoral degree in Economics and Business Administration at the University of Rome, and post-graduate diplomas at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague (Netherlands) in Economic Planning and Industrial Development Programming (feasibility studies). Nobel Prize winner Jan Tinbergen was among his main teaching professors.

He subsequently joined the staff of the ISS, and later became the adviser on economic planning to the Government of Sudan (1968-70).

He joined the Commission of the European Communities (the European Community's executive body) in Brussels in 1971 as a staff member of the Directorate-General for Development. In 1976, he was a delegate of the European Community to the Conference on International Cooperation (North-South Dialogue) in Paris.

From 1978 to 1982, he was Adviser for Economic Affairs at the European Community Delegation in Washington. During that time, he travelled extensively throughout the United States to speak about the European Community and EC-US relations.

He served as Economic Adviser to the President of the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels from 1982 to 1985, when he was appointed Deputy Head of Division for relations with the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries.

Dr. Pirzio-Biroli took his post as Deputy Head of the European Community Delegation in Washington in September 1988.

He has written a number of articles and reports (some of which are included in books edited in the United States) on West European integration, international economics, East-West and North-South issues, with emphasis on systemic aspects, both political and economic.

He is a member of the board of the Global Interdependence Center in Philadelphia, and a member of the Society for International Development and of the Society for Government Economists in Washington.

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