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Mr. Jacques Poos was born in Luxembourg in 1935. He graduated from the Athénée grand-ducal in Luxembourg-City and went on to the University of Lausanne (HEC) where he earned a degree in Economic and Commercial Sciences. In 1960 he received a diploma ("Diplôme Supérieur") in economy from the International University of Luxembourg. He was promoted to Doctor in Economic and Commercial Sciences in 1961 after writing his thesis "Luxembourg in the Common Market".

After spending three years at the Ministry of the Economy, Mr. Poos was placed in charge of research at the Statistics and Economic Studies Service (STATEC) of the Ministry of Economy. In 1964, he left the Government to become Director of the "Imprimerie Coopérative" and the newspaper "Tageblatt". He was elected President of the Luxembourg Association of Newspaper Editors and remained in that position until 1976 when he was named Minister of Finance. He held this position until 1979.

In 1980, the Continental Bank of Luxembourg chose him as its Director. He held the same position for PARIBAS (Luxembourg) in 1982. As such he was also a member of the Commission of the Association of Banks and Bankers for the promotion of the financial sector of Luxembourg.

In 1969, Mr. Poos was elected Councilman of the city of Esch-sur-Alzette, which he represented as administrator in diverse unions. A Representative since 1974, he presided the parliamentary group of the Socialist Labor Party of Luxembourg from 1975 to 1976, as well as the Commission of Finance and Budget of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Poos has published many books on economic and financial subjects, as well as numerous political editorials during the twelve years he was Editor of "Tageblatt".

In July 1984, Mr. Poos was sworn in as Vice President of the Government, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation, Minister of Middle Classes and Minister of the Treasury. In 1989, he was named Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation and Minister of Defense. In 1994, he again was named Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Born at Luxembourg June 3, 1935
Married. 3 children.

B.A. Economics (H.E.C. Lausanne University 1958)
MCS Compared Economy (International University Luxembourg
cum laude, 1960)

Dr. in Economic and Commercial Sciences (University of Lausanne
cum laude, 1961)

Subject: "Luxembourg within the Common Market"
published in 1961 by Center for European Research,
Lausanne, foreword by Prof. Henri Rieben.

Professional and political career:

1959/62	Counsellor, Minister National Economy, Luxembourg
1962/64	Member National Statistics Office
1964/76	Managing Director "Imprimerie Coopérative" and daily newspaper "Tageblatt"
1970/76	Chairman, Association Luxembourg Newspapers Publishers
1974/76	Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Socialist Parliamentary Group and of the Finance Committee
1976/79	Minister of Finance. Governor World Bank and IMF.
1979/84	Member of Parliament. Member of the Foreign Affairs and of the Budget Committees.
1980/82	Managing Director Continental Bank (Luxembourg)
1982/84	Managing Director Paribas (Luxembourg)

As from 1984 Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and Cooperation. Since 1989 Minister of Defense as
well.

Jan/June 1991: President of the Ministerial Council of the European
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