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BRITISH PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE Mr Basil de Ferranti

Mr Basil de Ferranti (United Kingdom - Group I, Employers) was yesterday elected President of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities, for two years.

Meanwhile, the Vice-Presidents are: M. Mathias Berns (Luxembourg - Group III, Special interest) and M. Johannes M.W. van Greunsven (Netherlands -Group II, Workers).

Mr de Ferranti succeeds M. H Canonge (France -Group III, Special interest).

A brief curriculum vitae is as follows:

- Born 1930. Educated Eton College.
- Graduated in Engineering from Cambridge 1953.
- Managing Director of ICT (now ICL) following Merger of the Computer Department of Ferranti with ICT 1964-69.
- Deputy Chairman of Ferranti Ltd. 1972 -
- Member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Economic Community 1973 -
- Member of Parliament for Morecambe and Lonsdale 1958-64. Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Aviation 1962.
- Advisory Director to the Engineering Employers' Federation on European Affairs 1976 -.

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In the context of its 142nd plenary session, which is now taking place, the Economic and Social Committee has also renewed the mandate of its bureau which includes the following members:

Group I Employers

MM. Van Campen (Netherlands)

> Hipp (Germany)

Loughrey (Irland)

Masprone (Italy)

Renaud (France)

Rømer (Denmark) MM. Delourme (Belgium)

Group II

Workers

Friedrichs (Germany)

T. Nielsen (Denmark)

Scalia (Italy)

Soulat (France)

Walsh (U.K.)

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MM. Canonge (France)

Group III

de Bruyn (Belgium)

Special interest

Mme.Evans (U.K.)

MM. O'Keefe (Irland)

> Piga (Italy)

Mme.Strobel (Germany)