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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

ROBERT CASPAR FISCHER, MEMBER OF THE LEGAL SERVICE OF THE
COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Academic Studies and Training

University of Groningen (Netherlands): 1946-48 and 1951-54
LLM (cum laude): 1954

Centre Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Européennes, Strasbourg
(France): 1954-55

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia: 1955-56

United Nations Intern Program, New York: Summer of 1956.

Professional Activities

Attorney in Amsterdam (Netherlands): 1957-59

Legal Adviser to the Commission of the European Communities,
Brussels (Belgium): since 1959

Areas of Community action more particularly dealt with
include:

- European Coal and Steel Community (1959-60)
- Cartels, State aids, taxation and approximation
of laws (1960-68)
- First negotiations for adhesion of the United
Kingdom (1961-63)
- External relations (1968-78) and more particularly:
commercial policy; economic relations and agreements
with the United States, Canada, Latin America, South
and East Asia, Eastern Europe (including Comecon);
GATT; fisheries negotiations (Canada, USA, NAFO, NEAFC,
Eastern Europe and Baltic Sea); UN Law of the Sea
Conference; associations with Greece and Turkey.
- Transport, environment and consumer protection: since
1979
- Various cases, in these and other areas, before the
European Court of Justice: since 1960

Fellow at the Harvard University Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts: 1981-82

Teaching and Conferences

- Seminars on the Commercial Policy of the European Community (since 1972) and on GATT (since 1979) in the International Course in European integration (in English), organized by the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- Participation in various conferences on European integration and on the Law of the European Communities.

Publications

- The scope of the power of the European Community to conclude commercial and association agreements (in German), in "Die Aussenbeziehungen der Europäischen Gemeinschaft" (external relations of the European Community), Kölner Schriften zum Europarecht, 25, p. 1 (1974): Köln;
- Regulation of East-West business transactions in the European Community in East-West business transactions, ed. Robert Starr (1974): New York;
- State aids in: The Law of the European Economic Community, Columbia Law School project on European legal institutions, ed. Hans Smit and Peter E. Herzog (1976): New York.

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