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JACQUES VAN YPERSELE DE STRIHOU

Jacques van Ypersele de Strihou was born in Uccle, Brussels, on December 5, 1936.

After having completed his secondary school studies at the Saint-Michel college in Brussels, he went to the "Katholieke Universiteit Leuven" (Louvain Flemish Catholic University) where he graduated as Doctor of Laws in 1959. He was then offered a place as Assistant at Kinshasa Lovania University in the Belgian Congo - now Zaïre - where he spent several months.

His return to Belgium, after the events of 1960, was to be a new starting point for him. Taking up his studies again, he turned to economy and in 1961 obtained his degree in Economic Science at Louvain University, but in the French section this time.

That degree enabled him to get a grant from NATO and as soon as he had finished his military service he left for the United States where he studied at Yale University. There, in 1965, he obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics.

He at once entered the International Monetary Fund, in Washington. Starting in the European Department, he was then transferred to the Asian Department and as such was one of the International Monetary Fund representatives to the Indonesian government.

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In 1970 he returned to Belgium to take office as sub-manager of the Empain group in Brussels. Two years later, in 1972, with the experience he had gained in financial matters, he joined the departmental staff of the then Minister of Finance, André Vlerick, as adviser, where he dealt with Belgian and International monetary matters. He continued that work, with the title of Assistant Principal Private Secretary, under the successors to the minister Vlerick : Willy De Clercq and Gaston Geens.

In the meantime, in 1976, he was appointed to the rank of Inspector General at the Administration of Finance, this appointment officially confirming his entry into the service of the State. At the same time he kept his office and responsibilities on the departmental staff of the Minister of Finance.

On many occasions he was to be called upon to carry out international missions : Belgian delegate on the International Monetary Fund Interim Committee, he also represents the Minister of Finance on Working Party No. 3 of the O.E.C.D. Economic Policy Committee (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) and is his deputy on the Group of Ten. He is also chairman of various O.E.C.D. working parties required to solve specific financial problems (creation of a Financial Backing Fund between O.E.C.D. countries, financial matters connected with the "North-South talks", balance of payment problems of small O.E.C.D. countries). Finally, since January 1978, he is chairman of the European Economic Community Monetary Committee.

At the same time as these multiple activities, Jacques van Ypersele de Strihou still finds time to teach economy at Louvain University and at the Catholic Institute of Higher Commercial Studies, Brussels. He has collaborated in several works dealing with economy and is the author of numerous articles which have been published in various economic reviews in Belgium, Holland, Italy and the United States.

Since September 1, 1978, he is "Chef du Cabinet Economique et Social" of the Prime Minister.

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Jacques van YPERSELE de STRIHOU is married and the father of four daughters.