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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

PAOLO CECCHINI

Paolo Cecchini was born in Perugia, Italy, in 1927. He received a law degree from the University of Turin in 1950.

From 1951-53, he worked at the Banca Commerciale Italiana (Italian Commercial Bank) in Milan. From 1954-58, he was at the Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud (French and Italian Bank for South America) in both Paris and Caracas. His responsibilities included foreign investment, foreign exchange, and financing of major industrial and public works projects. In 1958, Mr. Cecchini moved to the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (now OECD) in the Committee for Engineering Industries (Paris).

In 1960, Mr. Cecchini joined the Commission of the European Communities. From 1960-67, he worked in the external relations directorate-general of the Commission where he engaged in negotiations with Mediterranean countries (1960-66), enlargement of the European Community and the European Free Trade Area (EFTA) Agreement (1967-72), relations with non-associated developing countries (1973-76). He served as Head of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United Nations in New York (1976-77). From 1977 to March 1986, Mr. Cecchini was deputy director general in the directorate-general for internal market and industrial affairs.

Leaving the Commission services in April 1986 to start an activity of private consultant, Mr. Cecchini was requested to direct, as special advisor to the Commission, the research project of the "Cost of Non-Europe". This study examines the benefits of unifying the European Community internal market, i.e. free flow of persons, goods, services and capital, by 1992. Its main results will be released on March 29, 1988.

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Doctor of Law, University of Turin, 1950

- 1951-1953 Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan
- 1954-1958 Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud, first as a Junior Executive at the Central Office in Paris, then as Branch Manager in Caracas (Venezuela)
- 1959-1960 Member of the Secretariat of the Committee for Engineering Industries at the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (now OECD) in Paris

Since September

- 1960 Commission of the European Communities
- 1960-1968 - Principal Administrator in the General Directorate for External Relations
- 1968-1972 - Head of Division - EFTA countries
- 1973-1976 - Director - Asia and Latin America
- 1976 - Head of the Delegation of the European Economic Community to the United Nations in New York
- 1977 - Deputy Director General of the Directorate General for Internal Market and Industrial Affairs