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Biographical Note

Claude CHEYSSON

Born in 1920 and a graduate of France's prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Mr. Cheysson escaped from Occupied France in 1943 and served as a tank commander in the Free French Forces.

Mr. Cheysson began his "Third World" career as a political adviser to the Vietnamese government in 1952. In 1954 he was appointed Chef de Cabinet to Premier Pierre Mendes-France and took a leading role in the negotiations that brought independence to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. In 1956 he played a similar role in independence negotiations with Morocco and Tunisia.

From 1957 to 1962, Mr. Cheysson was Secretary-General of the Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara, with headquarters in Lagos, Nigeria, pioneering coordinated European assistance to Africa.

From 1962 to 1965, he was Director-General of newly independent Algeria's institution responsible for the technical development of the Algerian Sahara. Cheysson was then France's Ambassador to Indonesia from 1966 to 1970, when he returned to France to head the state-run Chemical and Mining Enterprise (EMC).

In April 1973, he became the Member of the Commission of the European Communities responsible for development and cooperation and for the Community's budgetary control. He was thus the principal EC negotiator in the talks on future association with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries which began in Brussels on July 25, 1973 and were successfully concluded in the signing of the Lome Convention I. As Commissioner responsible for aid to developing countries, Mr. Cheysson is again the principal EC negotiator for the Lome Convention II.

December 1978

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X Claude CHEYSSON  
Commissioner responsible for Development

born April 13, 1920

studied at the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Normale Supérieure

1947 - 1948 studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration

1948 Administrator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1949 Chief Liaison Officer to the Federal German authorities in Bonn

1952 Advisor to the President of the Government of Vietnam

1952 Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade I

June 1954 - Deputy Chef de cabinet and the Chef de cabinet to P. MENDES-  
January 1955 FRANCE

1956 Technical Advisor to the Cabinet of A. SAVARY 1st Secretary  
in London

1956 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade 2

1957 - 1962 Secretary-General of the Commission for Technical Co-operation  
in Africa

1958 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade I

1962 - 1965 Director-General of the Technical Organization for the Exploita-  
tion of Mineral Resources in the Sahara

1966 Director-General of the Industrial Co-operation Organization  
Minister plenipotentiary, Grade I

1966 - 1970 Ambassador to Indonesia

1970 Chairman of the Board of "Entreprise minière et chimique"

1972 - 1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Officer of the Legion d'Honneur Croix de guerre 1939 - 1945 et des T. O. E.

Etienne DAVIGNON (Viscount)  
Commissioner responsible for Internal Market and for Industrial Affairs

born October 4, 1932, in Budapest, Hungary

Doctor of Law

1961 Cabinet Attache (Belgian Government)

1963 Deputy Chef de Cabinet

1964 Chef de Cabinet to Mr. Spaak and then to Mr. Harmel

Director-General for Policy since November 15, 1969

appointed Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency  
on November 18, 1974

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTEClaude CHEYSSON

Born 13 April 1920, married with 6 children

- 1940 Ecole Polytechnique.
- 1943 Escaped from France via Spain. Head of a tank squadron in the Free French Forces. Campaigns in France and Germany. Military cross, 4 mentions in dispatches. Legion of Honour.
- 1946 Ecole Nationale d'Administration
- 1948 Liaison official attached to the Federal Authorities in Bonn.
- 1952 Political advisor of the Vietnamese Government, Saigon.
- 1954 Member of the French Delegation of the Geneva Conference on Indochina. Head of cabinet of the President of the Council (Pierre Mendes-France)
- 1956 Technical advisor for the Minister for Moroccan and Tunisian Affairs (Alain Savary); negotiations on the independence of Morocco and Tunisia.
- 1957 Secretary-General of the Committee for Technical Cooperation in Africa south of the Sahara (CctA). All the African states which have recently gained their independence successively joined between 1957 and 1962; seat at Lagos (Nigeria) and Bukavu (Zaire), then Nairobi (Kenya).. Offices and conferences, technical and scientific congresses in all the capitals and several other cities in Africa; programmes of joint action between neighbouring countries.
- 1962 Director-General of the Saharian Organisation, an Algerian public establishment set up by the Evian Agreements to succeed the OCRS and administer technical matters for the whole of the Sahara, in particular activities in the petroleum field until a new system was substituted by the Franco-Algerian Agreement of 1965.
- 1966 French Ambassador in Indonesia.
- 1970 President of the Board of Directors of the l'Entreprise minière et chimique (EMC) leading state chemical company in France (FF 2<sup>11</sup>.500 million annual turnover and 15,000 work force - main products: fertilisers and potash).
- 1973 Member of the Commission of the European Communities, responsible for development and cooperation policy, budgets and financial control.

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Since 1977,

Member of the Commission of the European Communities,  
with special responsibility for development policy  
and relations with the third world.

Since 1971,

Member of the board of the newspaper "Le Monde".

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Claude CHEYSSON

né le 13 avril 1920, marié, 6 enfants

- 1940 - Ecole Polytechnique .
- 1943 - Evadé de France par l'Espagne. Chef de peloton de chars dans les Forces françaises libres. Campagnes de France et d'Allemagne. Croix de guerre, 4 citations. Légion d'honneur.
- 1946 - Ecole Nationale d'Administration.
- 1948 - Fonctionnaire de liaison auprès des autorités fédérales de Bonn .
- 1952 - Conseiller politique du Gouvernement vietnamien, Saïgon.
- 1954 - Membre de la délégation française à la Conférence de Genève sur l'Indochine. Chef du Cabinet du Président du Conseil (Pierre Mendès-France).
- 1956 - Conseiller technique du Ministre des Affaires marocaines et tunisiennes (Alain Savary); négociations sur l'indépendance du Maroc et de la Tunisie.
- 1957 - Secrétaire Général de la Commission de coopération technique en Afrique au sud du Sahara (CotA) à laquelle adhèrent successivement tous les Etats africains nouvellement indépendants de 1957 à 1962; siège à Lagos (Nigeria) et Bukavu (Zaïre), puis Nairobi (Kenya), bureaux et conférences, congrès techniques et scientifiques dans toutes les capitales et de nombreuses villes d'Afrique; programmes d'action conjointe entre pays voisins.
- 1962 - Directeur général de l'Organisme saharien, établissement public algérien créé par les accords d'Evian pour succéder à l'OCRS et assurer la tutelle technique de l'ensemble du Sahara en particulier de toutes les actions pétrolières, jusqu'à la substitution d'un nouveau système pétrolier dans le cadre de l'accord franco-algérien de 1965 .
- 1966 - Ambassadeur de France en Indonésie .
- 1970 - Président du directoire de l'Entreprise minière et chimique (EMC), première société chimique française d'Etat (2,5 milliards de chiffre d'affaires annuel et 15.000 personnes - principales productions : engrais et potasse).
- 1973 - Membre de la Commission des Communautés Européennes, chargé de la politique de développement et de la coopération, des budgets et du contrôle financier .



6.1.77 - 5.1.81

Membre de la Commission des Communautés européennes chargé de la politique du développement et des relations avec le tiers monde.

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Membre de la Commission des Communautés européennes chargé de la politique du développement et des relations avec le tiers monde.

Depuis 1971

Membre du Conseil du Journal "Le Monde".

1981 -

Ministre des Affaires étrangères de France

