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Biographical Note

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Mr. Burghardt was born in Germany in 1941. He completed his law studies at the University of Hamburg in 1966 (J.D.). He also attended the University of Strasbourg in 1962/63, studying Comparative Law and Political Science and was awarded the first prize in Constitutional Law.

In 1969, he received his Ph.D. (summa cum laude) on "The Regimes of Property in the Member Countries and the EEC Treaty: A Contribution to the Interpretation of Article 222 of the EEC Treaty." It was subsequently published by the University of Hamburg.

During the summer of 1969, he attended the City of London College's International Law Department, and in the summer of 1971, he enrolled in a course in American Law at New York University's Naples (Italy) branch.

Mr. Burghardt joined the European Community in 1970. His first assignment was the Commission's Legal Department. In 1972, he was assigned to the Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations. He has particular responsibility for the Community's relations with the United States and Canada and in this capacity he has accompanied the Commission's Delegation during its bi-annual high-level consultations with the U.S. Government. (These are alternately held in Brussels and in Washington.)

Mr. Burghardt is a member of the European Movement and representative of Germany in the Union of European Student Associations. He is a frequent lecturer on Community affairs and has taken part in numerous seminars on the European Community.

He is a polyglot and speaks with equal ease German, English, French and Dutch, and some Italian.

The Burghardts and their two children make their home in Tervueren, outside Brussels.

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Languages German (mother tongue), French, English, Dutch, fair knowledge of Italian

Academic

Law, economy and political science studies in Hamburg, Strasbourg, Paris and London

1963 Lauréat de la Faculté de Droit de Strasbourg

1966 First State Examination (Referendarexamen) in Hamburg (Degree "gut")

1969 Doctoral Thesis (Ph.D) "Systems of property ownership in the Member States and Art. 222 of the EEC Treaty" (Summa cum laude), published by the University of Hamburg

1967-70 Three years of Traineeship (Referendar) followed by "Great State Examination", (Assessorexamen) in Hamburg (Degree "gut")

1966-70 Assistant Professor at the University of Hamburg (Public and European Community Law)

1968 Traineeship at the Commission of the European Communities, Brussels, Directorate-General for External Relations

Professional Career

- 1970 - 72 Member of the European Commission's Legal Service
- 1972 - 80 Directorate-General for External Relations (among others desk officer for relations with the United States, Canada, Australia; development of the Commission's external delegations network; Assistant to Director General Sir Roy Denman).
- 1981 - 84 Deputy Head of Cabinet to Mr. Narjes, Member of the Commission for the Internal Market, Environment Protection, Nuclear Safety and Innovation
- 1985 - 88 Deputy Head of Cabinet to Mr. Jacques Delors, President of the Commission, with particular responsibility for external and development policies, relations with the European Parliament and Staff management
- 1988 - 93 Political Director, Secretariat General (under the direct authority of President Delors)
- 1993/1994 Director General, Directorate General for the newly created External Political Relations DG under Commissioner van den Broek.
- 1995-99 Director general for External Relations covering Europe and the New Independent States, the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the External Service under Mr. van den Broek (with Political Director function continuing under the shared authority of President Santer and Mr. van den Broek, in consultation with other Relex Commissioners according to subjects discussed in the CFSP framework)
- October 99 Director general for External Relations under Mr. Chris Patten.
- November 99 Head of Delegation designate of the European Commission in the United States, Washington