

Antonio José CABRAL appointed Deputy Director General of Economic and Financial Affairs DG

The Commission today appointed Mr. Antonio José CABRAL, Commission official of Portuguese nationality, Deputy Director General of the Economic and Financial Affairs Directorate General with responsibility for monitoring and analysing economic developments and policies in the Member States and integrating the candidate countries into the EU monitoring and surveillance systems.

Mr. CABRAL, 52 years old, holds a degree in Economics from the "Instituto Superior de Economia", Lisbon. He joined the European Commission in 1988 after a career in the Portuguese Ministry for planning and economic co-ordination and ten years in the Central Bank of Portugal, where he was appointed Deputy Director of the research department in 1986

Mr. CABRAL started as adviser in DG II (Economic and Financial Affairs) in 1988. In 1990 he became Head of Unit for evaluation of the Structural Funds. Two years later he took up a Director post in the same DG at the Directorate "National Economics", which deals mainly with monitoring, forecasting and analysing the economies of the Member States, namely as regards budgetary policy in the framework of the Stability and Growth Pact.

The appointment does not form part of the series of rotations announced in January 2002. The vacancy in question was published before that date.

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ANTONIO JOSÉ Rebelo de Andrade CABRAL, born in 1949, was educated in Portugal where he graduated in Economics at the Instituto Superior de Economia in 1971. He started his professional career as an economist in the Secretariado Técnico da Presidência do Conselho de Ministros, later transformed in the Departamento Central de Planeamento (DCP) at the Ministry of Planning/Finance; his work was directly related to the economic policy making process in Portugal namely economic analysis and forecasts including frequent contact with OECD and EFTA; he participated in the Portuguese delegation for the negotiations of the first (1977 – 78) stand-by agreement with the IMF, as well as in OECD examinations of Portugal.

In September 1978 he joined the Research Department of the Banco de Portugal (Portugal's Central Bank); as an economist in the domestic monetary policy unit he dealt with the process of monetary control in Portugal and had several participations in the OECD examinations of the Portuguese economy. Frequent contacts with the IMF, including participation in the negotiations of the second (1983 – 85) stand-by agreement. He was appointed Deputy-Director of the research department in 1986.

Since November 1988 he is a member of the staff of the Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the European Commission in Brussels. After being Advisor and Head of Unit in charge of evaluating the community structural funds he was appointed director of National Economies in 1992 (Economies of the Member States since 1999). His main duties concern the monitoring, forecasting and analysing the economies of the Member States including policy analysis, especially of Member States budgetary policy. Implementation of the country specific part of the EMU treaty, namely convergence and excessive deficit procedure. He participated in the preparation of the Commission draft proposals for the Stability and Growth Pact regulations and represented the Commission in the Council working group for that purpose; he has responsibilities in the implementation of the country-specific aspects of the Stability and Growth Pact.

From 1972 to 1975/76 António José Cabral lectured at the Instituto Superior de Economia and from 1976 to 1988 at the Portuguese Catholic University (UCP, Lisbon), responsible for the courses of statistics and econometrics. He is currently Maître de Conférences, invited, at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Institut d'Etudes Européennes. He has participated in many conferences and has several publications, the most recent one on Economic and Monetary Union and the Stability and Growth Pact.