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The Commission of the European Communities today appointed Dr Pietro Caprioglio Director-General of the Euratom Soint Research Centre.

Pietro Caprioglio was born in Rome on 28 April 1929 and worked at AGIP Nucleare and Euratom until July 1967. From 1967 to March 1969 he was Director of the Società Progettazioni Meccaniche Nucleari of the IRI group. He subsequently returned to Euratom and was appointed Director of the Ispra Establishment on 1 April 1969.

The appointment of Dr Caprioglio follows the Commission's decision a forthnight ago to grant greater functional autonomy to the Joint Research Centre under the directives which are to be issued by the Commission and the Council.

In this way the Commission has taken one of the first steps to implement the agreement reached by the Council of Ministers of the Community last December concerning the reorganization of the Joint Research Centre, which has establishments at Ispra, Geel, Karlsruhe and Petten.

The new Director-General of the Centre will have his headquarters at Ispra, i.e., in the largest establishment, with the largest labour force.

On the occasion of Dr Caprioglio's appointment, Altiero Spinelli, Member of the Commission with special responsibility for scientific and technical research, congratulated the new Director-General, adding that the Community's most urgent and important task in this field now was to speed up the preparation of a multiannual research programme vovering both nuclear and non-nuclear sectors. Without such a programme, the reorganization of the Centre and the greater powers delegated to the Director-General wouldlose their point. The Research Centre would now be required to contribute to this work, by preparing the part of the multiannual programme which concerned the work of the Joint Research Centre. It would be premature to say that we were approaching a solution to the Euratom He thought, however, that it could be said that with these first steps the Commission was showing a protical will to tackle the problems of Community scientific research in a new way; this initiative of the Commission's should be matched by a tangible political will on the part of the Member State governments.

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EURATOM NAMES PIETRO CAPRIOGLIO AS HEAD OF JOINT RESEARCH CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 5 -- The European Communities Commission has named Pietro Caprioglio as Director General of European Atomic Energy Community's Joint Research Center, which consists of establishments at Ispra (Italy), Geel (Belgium), Karlsruhe (Germany), and Petten (Holland). The Director General's offices will be at Ispra, the most important of the four research centers.

Mr. Caprioglio was born on April 28, 1929, in Rome. Between 1957 and 1967, he worked first with AGIP Nucleare and then at Euratom. From July 1967 to March 1969 he was director of the Società Progettazioni Mecchaniche Nucleari, part of the I.R.I. group. He then returned to Euratom as director of the Ispra establishment on April 1, 1969.

The appointment of Mr. Caprioglio follows the Commission's decision, made two weeks ago, to grant greater functional autonomy to the Joint Research Center -- part of the Commission's general plan approved last December by the Council of Ministers for restructuring the Joint Research Center.

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