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UFFE ELLEMANN-JENSEN
Danish Foreign Minister

Mr. Uffe Ellemann-Jensen was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs when the present Government was formed in September 1982. The Government is a coalition of four parties, the main parties being the Conservative Party, headed by Prime Minister Poul Schlüter, and the Liberal (Agrarian) Party, headed by Mr. Uffe Ellemann-Jensen.

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen is an ardent supporter of NATO, of the European Economic Community (EEC) and of the closest possible cooperation between Europe and the United States. But he has encountered difficulties in carrying through all of his views as the Government does not possess the necessary majority in all foreign policy questions.

On June 25, 1987 Mr. Ellemann-Jensen received the most prestigious European prize, the Schuman Prize, at the University of Bonn for his endeavors in reforming the Treaty of Rome and winning acceptance of the reforms in the Danish population during our referendum in 1986.

The changes of the Treaty of Rome will enter into force on July 1, 1987, at the same time as Denmark assumes the presidency of the EEC. It is the second time that Mr. Ellemann-Jensen will be chairman of the Council of Ministers of the EEC, the first time being during the second half of 1982.

Before becoming Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ellemann-Jensen was his party's political spokesman in Parliament from 1978 to 1982. He assumed this position only one year after becoming a member of Parliament. He has also been chairman of the Parliament's EEC Committee (1978-79).

Within the organization of the Liberal Party Mr. Ellemann-Jensen's star has also been rising fast. In 1979 he became a member of the Executive Board of the Party and in 1984 the Party's chairman. In 1985 the Liberal Parties of Europe (European Federation of Liberal and Democratic Parties) elected him their deputy chairman.

Before entering into politics, Mr. Ellemann Jensen was a journalist covering economics, having graduated in economics (MA) from the University of Copenhagen in 1969. During the period 1970-75 he worked as an expert on economic and political affairs in the news department of Danish Television. From 1975 to 1976 Mr. Ellemann-Jensen was editor-in-chief of the business daily, Børsen.

He is the author of several books on economics and has just published a book on Denmark and the EEC.

As a First Lieutenant of the King's Artillery Regiment, Mr. Ellemann-Jensen served for two years (1962-64) on the Danish Joint Chiefs-of-Staff.

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen was born on November 1, 1941, son of Jens Peter Jensen, also a journalist and member of Parliament for the same party as his son. Mr. Ellemann-Jensen is married to Alice Westergaard, editor-in-chief of the weekly magazine, Søndags-B.T. The couple has four children, three of whom are grown up and one, Jacob, 14 years of age, still at home with his parents.

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen is Knight Commander of the Order of Dannebrog and has been awarded several foreign orders (White Rose of Finland, Netherlands Oranien Order, Portuguese Don Henriques Order, Saudi Arabian Abdul Aziz Order, Siamese (Thailand) White Elephant, Swedish North Star, Spanish Isabel Order, Austrian Grand Cross, Venezuelan Liberator's Order and Egyptian Order of Merit).