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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

THE BARONESS ELLES, MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
CHAIRMAN OF ITS LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Lady Elles was born in Bedford, Great Britain, on July 19, 1921.

A barrister-at-law, Lady Elles has been active in European Community politics for a long time, first as an appointed Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 1973-75, and then as an elected MEP (European Democratic Group, i.e. Conservative Group) since 1979. Lady Elles was Vice-President of the European Parliament between 1982 and 1987 and has been Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee since 1987.

Members of the European Parliament are elected by citizens of the twelve member countries of the European Community every five years. The next election will take place in June 1989.

Lady Elles has also been active in British politics for many years. She is a Member of the House of Lords and was made a Life Peer in 1972. She was Chairman of the Conservative Party International Office from 1973-78 and Opposition Spokesman on Foreign and European Affairs, House of Lords, from 1975-79.

From 1974-75, Lady Elles was a member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Minorities as independent legal expert and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights of Aliens.

Lady Elles is a member of many organizations and associations connected with foreign and European affairs, including the Royal Institute of International Affairs. She has written several publications and articles.

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