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**WALTER KENNES**

European Commission Guest Scholar  
to the Brookings Institution  
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Walter Kennes has been with the Directorate General for Development of the European Commission since 1984. Up to 1991, his tasks were related to food aid, food security, agricultural development and social dimension of structural adjustment, combining conceptual and operational aspects. For the past four years, his main work area has been to help developing practical approaches to support regional economic integration among developing countries. This involves a combination of: capacity building taking into account the European experience, collaboration with regional organisations and governments to devise appropriate reform programmes and assistance to the private sector to facilitate restructuring. His work at the European Commission has focused on Africa.

Before joining the European Commission, Mr Kennes worked on agricultural sector programming with the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Tunisia (1974-75). He briefly worked for the World Bank as a consultant on agricultural sector analysis before joining the Centre for World Food Studies in the Netherlands as a research associate (1977-84). The latter work was mainly on Asia.

Mr Kennes studied economics at the University of Leuven (Belgium) and at the University of British Columbia (Canada) specialising in econometrics, international trade and development economics.

Mr. Kennes was born in Belgium in 1949. He is married and has two children. He is in favour of European federalism as the best guarantee for long term stability and sustainable growth.

His research at the Brookings Institution will focus on the advantages and disadvantages for developing countries of a strategy of regional integration in comparison to a strategy of unilateral liberalisation towards the rest of the world.

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