

## ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PRESS/A(74)7 *14/85*  
*B.10*

Paris, 12nd March 1974

NEW NORWEGIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OECD

Ambassador Georg Kristiansen has recently taken up his post as Head of the permanent Norwegian Delegation to the OECD.

Ambassador Kristiansen, who was born in 1917, combined the study of history and languages at Oslo University with active service as an officer in the Norwegian Army. He graduated in 1945 while serving with the Norwegian and British forces in the United Kingdom during World War II.

In 1946 he joined the Norwegian Foreign Service and was attached to the Norwegian Embassy in Paris from 1947 to 1952. He then returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo and served there until he was appointed Deputy Director of the National Defence College from 1957 to 1959. From 1959 he worked in the Political Department of the Foreign Ministry, first as Deputy Director and then as Director General from 1961.

In 1964, Mr. Kristiansen was appointed Ambassador to NATO and to OECD. He ceased his functions as Permanent Representative to OECD by the end of 1967 when the NATO Headquarters had moved to Brussels. In June 1970, he returned to Norway where he has since been Head of the Directorate for Civil Defence and Emergency Planning.

Mr. Kristiansen is married.