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On a proposal of Ms Anna Diamantopoulou, Commissioner for Employment and Social Policy, and in agreement with the President and Mr Kinnock, Vice President responsible for administrative reform, the Commission has decided to appoint Ms Odile Quintin, a European civil servant of French nationality, as Director General of DG Employment and Social Policy.

On this occasion, Ms Diamantopoulou said : "Ms Quintin is in every way an ideal candidate to take charge of the Directorate General for Employment and Social Policy. By virtue of her long experience in the directorate general, she is well versed in both policy and procedure. I am therefore confident that she will manage the department effectively in implementing our numerous initiatives and will be capable of adapting to new requirements linked to carrying through Commission reform."

Odile Quintin, 55 years of age, has held the post of Director for the Social Dialogue since 1 March 1996. She has concurrently held the post of Acting Director General since 1 May 2000. After working in the Directorates General for Agriculture (Fisheries) and External Relations from 1971, she joined DG Employment and Social Policy (ex DG V) in 1982 as Head of Service for employment and women's equality before moving to the division responsible for social security and subsequently being appointed Director of the European social fund (implementation) and after Director for employment and the labour market.

A detailed CV is attached to this press release.

CURRICULUM VITAE**Odile QUINTIN, born TOURNIER**

Born on 22 April 1945 in Lyons (France)

Widow, 3 children

TRAINING

Licence in Public law and political Sciences (Lyons, 1967)

(Public law and political Sciences) (1968) and Letter ESC (Philosophy, History)

A compared Public law

Proficiency in English (Cambridge, 1964)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

1. Research worker in the inter-University Institute of compared Right (Brussels, 1970)

Expert within the Commission (Brussels, 1970)

2. Official in the European Commission since 1971

- DG Agriculture (Fishing) - Administrator

Fishing rights, accession negotiations, international conventions, Law of the Sea

(1971-1974)

- DG Foreign Affairs - Administrator then principal Administrator

The North-South dialogue, agreements by products, raw materials (1974-1978)

Desk Officer-relations EE-Japon (1978-1980)

Relations with the Eastern European countries - general and multilateral problems = COMECON. Conference on safety and the cooperation in Europe (Madrid Conference). The economic Commission of the United Nations for Europe (1980-1982)

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- Employment and social Affairs

- 1982 - 1988, Head of the Service for Employment and women's equality
- 1989 - 1994, Head of the Division "Social Security and social Actions"
- 1994 - 1995, European Social Fund Director - Implementation
- 1995 - 1996, Director of Employment and Labour Market
- Since 1 March 1996, Director of Social Dialogue, Social Rights and questions of Equality
- Simultaneously: Acting Deputy Director-General, then ad interim, of DG Employment and Social Affairs since 21 September 1998, and Acting Director-General since 1 May 2000.

Member of the Board of Directors of 3 Agencies: European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions, Dublin
European Agency for Safety and Health at work, Bilbao European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, Vienna.

Author of several articles and publications on various Community policies (Nord-Sud, Relations EEC-Japan, Social Policy).

Last publication: Social Europe, issues and realities, in collaboration with Brigitte Favarel, ED French Documentation.

