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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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Michel Richonnier received an engineering degree at the Ecole Centrale of Paris in 1967. He earned a diploma from the Institute for Political Studies in Paris in 1969 and completed a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of California in San Diego in 1972. He became an Acting Assistant Professor in Economics at the United States International University in San Diego in 1970. Between 1982 and 1985 he was chief lecturer in Economics at the Institute for Political Studies in Paris. Since 1985 Dr. Richonnier has taught at the College of Europe in Bruges.

Michel Richonnier joined the European Commission in 1974, when he became Administrator in the Economics Directorate. Between 1978 and 1981 he was Principal Administrator in the Employment Directorate. Between 1981 and 1984 Mr. Richonnier served as an Adviser at the Commissariat General du Plan in Paris in the division of Employment and Technology, International and European Affairs. He rejoined the European Commission in 1985 as a Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Peter Sutherland. Within this cabinet he was in charge of Education, Research, and Social Affairs. Specifically, he was responsible for the launching of COMETT, (Action programme of the Community in Education and Training for Technology), and ERASMUS, (European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students). In 1986 he became a Member of the Cabinet of Vice President Manuel Marin and was in charge of social and health affairs, as well as the launching of the "Europe against cancer" programme.

Since October 1987 Dr. Richonnier has served as Adviser to the Director-General for Employment, Industrial Relations and Social Affairs of the European Commission. He was responsible for the implementation of the "Europe against cancer" programme.

Dr. Richonnier has published several books and articles on economic issues, the importance of technology in Europe's economy and future, as well as on the role of the European Community in health issues and on the "Europe against cancer" programme. Currently, he is researching the evolution of the external policy of the European Community in the 1990s.

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