A Biographical Note

Helmut Sigrist

Director General for External Relations
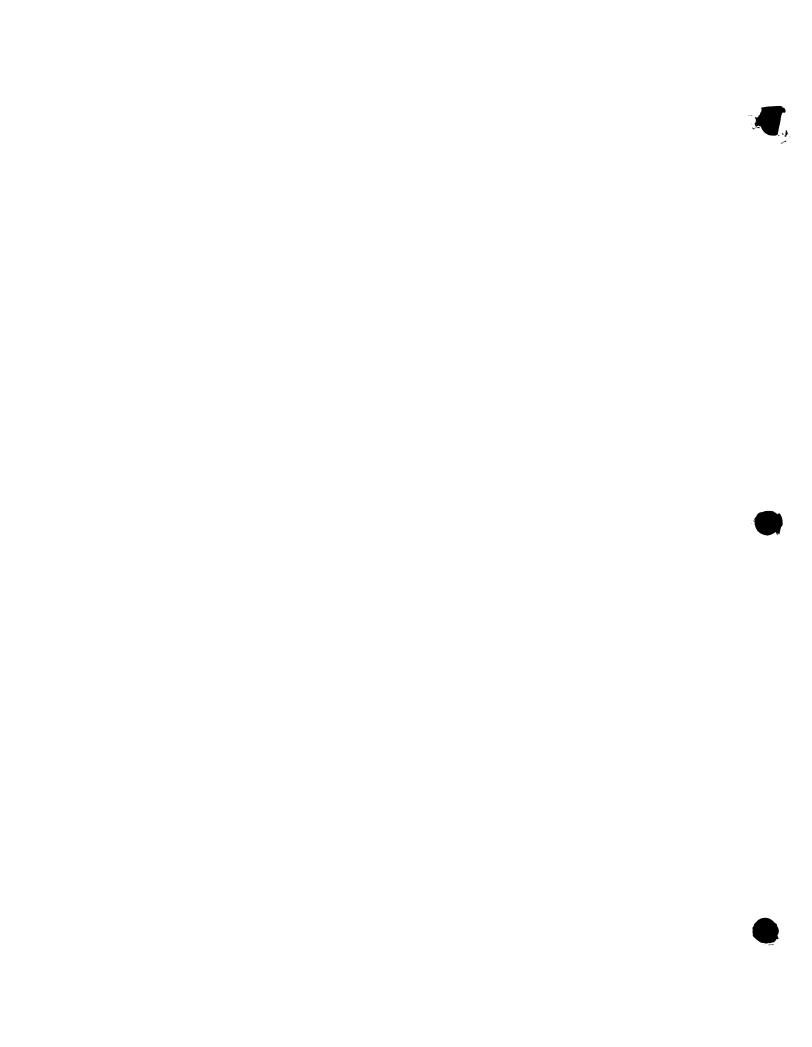of the Commission of the European Communities

Mr. Sigrist was born in 1919 in Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Heidelberg.

Mr. Sigrist served for many years in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was stationed in Bonn from 1951 to 1954 and again from 1955 to 1957. His assignments included Washington D.C. (1954-55), Rome (1957-62), and New Delhi (1962-64.)

From 1964 to 1967, he was Deputy Secretary General of the Commission of the European Economic Community (EEC.) After the merger of the three Communities (Coal and Steel, Atomic Energy and the EEC or Common Market), he became Deputy Secretary General of the single Commission of the European Communities.

Since 1968, Mr. Sigrist has served the Commission of the European Communities as Director General for External Relations.

HELMUT SIGRIST

BORN 1919 IN FRANKFURT/MAIN. STUDIED LAW AND ECONOMICS IN THE
UNIVERSITIES OF BAMBERG, HEIDELBERG AND DENVER/COLORADO (USA).

1950 : GRADUATED AS DR. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A STUDY ON THE
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF FOREIGN LOANS.

SINCE 1951, MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MOST RECENTLY EMBASSY
COUNSELLOR 1ST CLASS. PARTICPATED IN TTHE NEGOTIATIONS OF
THE BONN CONVENTIONS TO SUPERSEDE THE OCCUPATION STATUTE.,
HELD SEVERAL POSTS IN THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN WASHINGTON (1953-55), ROME (1957-62)
AND NEW DELHI (1962-64).

FROM 1955 TO 1957 : HEAD OF THE TRAINING CENTER FOR HIGHER-GRADE
OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN BONN.

1964 : DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE EEC
COMMISSION.

1967 : DEPUTY HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT-GENERAL OF THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN BRUSSELS.

SINCE DECEMBER 1968 : DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN
THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

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