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COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A SYMPOSIUM AT COMPIEGNE: SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

The Commission of the European Communities is organizing a symposium at the Université de Technologie in Compiègne, France, to be held on 19 and 20 October 1978 on the theme: "European Science and Technology faced with the challenges of today's Society".

Mr Guido Brunner, Member of the Commission responsible for research and energy, will open the symposium, which will be chaired by Professor Ilya Prigogine (1977 Nobel Prize, ULB, Brussels). Mrs Alice Saunier-Seite, French Minister for Universities, will also speak at the symposium's opening session. About fifty leading scientists from all the Community countries will be participating.

The symposium is being organized in cooperation with the European Research and Development Committee (CERD), a Commission consultative body presided over by Mr André Danzin of the Institut de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique, France, and Mr Guy Denielou, President of the Université de Technologie de Compiègne.

The seminar is to follow up the results of the meeting held by the Commission in 1977 on the theme: "Crisis of Science in Society?"¹. The discussions in Compiègne will thus be devoted to the study of the barriers that separate the research worker and the citizen, which are reflected in terms such as "science's ivory tower, scientific bureaucracy, the great financial burden of research". It is hoped that the seminar will provide a better understanding of these phenomena and reveal possible answers.

¹ See also IP(77)130.