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Mrs Scrivener in Berlin

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A new, unprecedented era is opening up in East-West cooperation

During her visit to Berlin Mrs Scrivener closed the first day of the Congress of the European Committee of Consulting Firms, which was devoted to East-West cooperation. She then met Mr Mitzscherling, Senator for Economic Affairs, and Mr Hertz, the Chief Executive of the Chamber of Commerce.

In her address the Member of the Commission with special responsibility for Taxation and Customs Union surveyed the recent historic events and described the economic and political upheavals that had characterized that phase as a quiet, peaceful but irresistible force that had stopped Communism in its tracks and carried all before it towards liberty, democracy and the market economy.

Mrs Scrivener made the point that the Community had reacted swiftly to events in Eastern Europe by setting up the PHARE programme, preparing association agreements, creating the Development Bank for Eastern Europe (EBRD) and mobilizing significant financial resources through the Community budget.

She went on to say that this was a real programme concerned with political development as well as economic matters and that it even included another element which she considered particularly important, namely that of promoting private initiative and a spirit of enterprise.

