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**"EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR;
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A highly topical account of the European Community's rapidly developing relationship with Eastern Europe's new democracies is contained in a new book published with the cooperation and support of the European Commission.

"Eastern Europe and the USSR; the Challenge of Freedom" examines the economic problems facing the former members of the Soviet bloc, and discusses policy options that could help to resolve them. It details the efforts being made by the EC and other industrialised nations to re-launch their economies, and underlines the policy areas where much remains to be done.

The book is not an official publication of the European commission, and does not in any way represent the official views of the Commission. Its author is Giles Merritt, a commentator on European affairs for the "International Herald Tribune", who has been able to draw on interviews with EC officials and with industrialists and politicians in both Eastern and Western Europe for first-hand accounts of the drive to integrate the former communist states into a wider European economy.

The book is published commercially by independent publishing houses and distributed by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities*. It is being launched simultaneously in English, German, French and Danish, with Spanish and Italian versions to follow soon.

The book will be made available to journalists in these different language editions on Monday, November 11. A copy is to be formally presented by the author to EC External Affairs Commissioner Frans Andriessen after the 18.00 Press briefing at the Palais d'Egmont at the conclusion of the G-24 ministerial meeting. Members of the Press will be welcome to attend the brief presentation ceremony where the book will be available to them.

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