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EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH KISSINGER

Washington, D.C. January 3 -- Dr. Garret FitzGerald, Ireland's Minister for Foreign Affairs and President of the European Community Council of Ministers, will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Washington January 8. The talks will center on matters of common interest to the Community and the United States as well as bilateral questions. Ireland has assumed the Council presidency for the first six months of 1975.

A barrister, Fitzgerald was born in Dublin February 9, 1926. He attended Belvedere College, Dublin, University College Dublin, and King's Inns, Dublin. A member of the Irish Senate from 1965 to 1969, he has been a member of the Parliament since 1969. He is Vice President and former Chairman of the Irish Council of the European Movement, and Governor of the Atlantic Institute of International Relations, Paris.

As Foreign Affairs Minister since March 1973, Fitzgerald plays a central role in Anglo-Irish affairs and along with Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave, is responsible for government policy on the Northern Ireland problem.

A former BBC, Financial Times, and Economist correspondent, his published works include "State-sponsored Bodies" (1959), "Planning in Ireland" (1968), and "Towards a New Ireland" (1972).