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FERNAND SPAAK APPOINTED HEAD OF EC COMMISSION DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON -- November 13 -- The Commission of the European Communities has appointed Fernand Spaak as new Head of its Delegation to the United States, it was announced in Brussels today. He will succeed Jens Otto Krag, who is leaving the Commission at the end of the year.

Spaak joined the High Authority as the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1952 as *Chef de Cabinet* to the High Authority's first President, Jean Monnet. Spaak also served as *Chef de Cabinet* to Monnet's successor, Rene Mayer. Spaak then became head of the department concerned with mergers and restrictive practices.

In 1960, the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) appointed him Director General of the Supply Agency and then also of the Safeguards and Controls Directorate.

Since the merger of the European executive institutions (the ECSC High Authority, the Euratom Commission, and the Commission of the European Economic Community) in 1967, Spaak has been Director General for Energy at the EC Commission.