

VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHERSEN TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND BOSTON

Henning Christophersen, EC Commission Vice President responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, will be in the US September 18-25 to represent the EC Commission at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

Vice President Christophersen will also attend the meetings of the IMF's Interim Committee and the G-10* Ministers and Governors.

At 10.30 a.m. on September 21 Vice President Christophersen will give a press conference in the Conference Room of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington DC. Members of the press are invited to attend. The Vice President is ready to answer questions on the results of the French referendum on the Maastricht Treaty, the European economic situation, and the EC position at the annual meetings.

During his visit to Washington, the Vice President will meet with IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus and Jacques Attali, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

On September 24, Vice President Christophersen will speak at noon to the World Affairs Council of Boston luncheon on "Europe's Future in a Changing World", Westin Hotel, 10 Huntington Avenue, Copley Place, Boston. Members of the press interested in attending should contact the World Affairs Council of Boston, tel. (617) 482-1740.

*The G-10 countries are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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Henning Christophersen has been Vice President of the EC Commission since 1985 and is in his second term. Now responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, his portfolio in his first term (1985-1989) was the EC budget, financial control, personnel and administration. In that capacity, he overhauled Community finances and improved control of spending.

A native of Denmark, Mr. Christophersen has also served in the Danish Government as Minister for Finance and Deputy Prime Minister (1982-1984) and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1978-1979). He was National Auditor from 1976 to 1978. Mr. Christophersen also served in the Danish Parliament (Folketing), where he was Chairman of the Liberal Party Group (1979-1982), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee (1979-1981) and Chairman of the Finance Committee (1975).

Mr. Christophersen was born November 8, 1939, in Copenhagen. He is married to Jytte (née Nielsen) and has three children. His private interests are genealogy, history and languages, in particular, ancient Greek.

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