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COMPETITION VICE PRESIDENT VAN MIERT TO VISIT U.S.

Karel Van Miert, EC Commission Vice President for Competition Policy, will be in Washington October 7-8 to speak on developments in anti-trust and competition policy in the European Community and the United States.

On October 7, Commissioner Van Miert will address a European Institute Dinner on the topic "The Transatlantic Dimension to Competition Policy and Structural Readjustment." For information, contact Paula Dendis at (202) 895-1670.

On October 8, the Commissioner will give the keynote opening address on international competition policy issues at a European American Chamber of Commerce meeting for US government officials and corporate executives. For more information, contact the European American Chamber of Commerce at (202) 347-9292.

Also on October 8, Mr. Van Miert will speak on competition and the aviation industry at a luncheon organized by the International Aviation Club. For information, contact Bill Poling (IAC) at (202) 293-5487.

Press is invited to attend the October 8 events.

Mr. Van Miert will go to New Orleans to speak to the International Bar Association on October 11.

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Karel Van Miert
EC Commission Vice President for Competition Policy

Now in his second term, Mr. Van Miert was responsible in his first term for Transport and Consumer Protection in the 1989-1992 Commission. Before joining the Commission, he was a Member of the Belgian Parliament (1985-89) and was twice elected to the European Parliament in direct elections in 1979 and 1984. He has been Vice Chairman of the Socialist International since 1986; Chairman of the Flemish Socialists from 1978 to 1988; and Vice Chairman of the Federation of Socialist Parties of the European Community from 1978 to 1980. In 1977, he became Chief of Staff to the Belgian Minister for Economic Affairs, and early in his political career worked for the EC Commission. A graduate in diplomatic sciences from the University of Ghent, Mr. Van Miert also lectured for a time at the Brussels Free University. Birth date: January 17, 1942, in Oud-Turnhout, Belgium.

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