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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT EGON KLEPSCH TO MEET U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS

European Parliament President Egon Klepsch will be in Washington October 18-20 for meetings with members of the United States Administration and Congress.

On the Administration side, President Klepsch will meet with Vice President Al Gore at the White House on Monday October 18. Later that day, he will meet with Deputy Secretary of State Clifton Wharton and with Deputy United States Trade Representative Rufus Yerxa.

On the Congressional side, President Klepsch will meet Tuesday October 19 with Speaker of the House Tom Foley (D-Wa), and later with Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI). Senator Pell will lead him to the Senate Floor where he will be received by the US Senate. On Wednesday October 20, President Klepsch is guest-of-honor at a House Foreign Relations Committee breakfast, hosted by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Ca), who is also Co-Chairman of the Congressional Exchange with the European Parliament.

While in Washington, President Klepsch will speak on "Policies for Strengthening the European Economy" at a October 18 breakfast organized by the European-American, Danish-American and German-American Chambers of Commerce. For information, contact Tod Malen (202) 347-9292.

On Tuesday October 19, he will speak on the topic "The emergence of post-Maastricht Europe: Implications for US-EC Relations" at a US Chamber of Commerce breakfast. For information, contact Lillian Pena (202) 463-5456.

On Tuesday, October 19, President Klepsch will speak on "Europe After Maastricht: Vision versus Reality" at a luncheon organized by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. For information, contact (202) 986-0482.

Dr. Egon Klepsch

Egon Klepsch has been President of the European Parliament since January of 1992. A Member of the European Parliament for more than two decades, he was truly present at its creation. As a European with a passion, he vigorously fought for the idea, helped to overcome the years of "Euro-Sclerosis" and actively supported the integration process leading to the Single Act and the Maastricht Treaty.

During his distinguished political career, Dr. Klepsch has been a board member of the EVP-Parliamentary Group, Vice President of the German Council of the European Movement, President of the European Union Germany (EUD), Vice President of the European People's Party and Chairman of the EVP-Parliamentary Group. Prior to entering the European political arena, Dr. Klepsch was a Member of the Bundestag (1965-1980) and has been a member of the national executive board of the Christian Democratic Union. During the sixties, he was National Chairman of the CDU's youth organization (Junge Union) and President of the Young Christian Democrats of Europe. Prior to assuming political office, he was a policy analyst in the Federal Chancellory and an expert on international politics.

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