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## EC FOREIGN POLICY LEADERS TO MEET SECRETARY BAKER

Hans van den Broek, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Netherlands which takes over the European Community's Council Presidency on July 1, and Frans Andriessen, EC Commission Vice President for External Relations and Trade, will meet with United States Secretary of State James Baker during a July 2-3 visit to Washington DC. The meeting is in fulfillment of the Transatlantic Declaration, signed by the EC and the US in November 1990 to establish closer political ties through regular consultation.

During the July 3 meeting with Baker, van den Broek and Andriessen will present the EC's priorities for the implementation of the Transatlantic Declaration during the six-month Dutch Presidency, and report on the conclusions of the European Council summit which takes place June 28-29 in Luxembourg.

They will also discuss the issues raised during the last meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Soviet Union, recent developments in Yugoslavia, the situation in Cyprus, the Middle-East (in particular, the post-Gulf War peace process), export controls, the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations, and the European Energy Charter.

Vice President Andriessen will meet separately with US Secretary for Agriculture Edward Madigan and US Trade Representative Carla Hills for discussion on bilateral trade issues, including Airbus and meat questions.

At 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, van den Broek and Andriessen will give a joint press conference at the EC Commission's Delegation (2100 M Street NW, Suite 707). Members of the press are invited to attend.

### Hans van den Broek

Mr. van den Broek has been Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands since November 7, 1989, when Raud Lubbers was elected Prime Minister for the third time. Mr. van den Broek - a member of the Dutch Catholic People's Party (KVP) - also served as Foreign Minister in Prime Minister Lubbers' second (1986-1989) and first (1982-1986) governments. He was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (a cabinet level position one step below Minister) in former Dutch Prime Minister Andreas van Agt's second and third governments (1981-1982).

Van den Broek was a member of the Dutch Lower House of the States-General (Parliament) from 1976 to 1981 and became a member of the KVP's executive council in 1978.

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He entered politics in 1970 when he became a member of the Rheden municipal council until 1974. At the time he was involved in the management of ENKA BV, a multinational textiles and chemicals company in Arnhem, first as secretary of the board, and later as its commercial secretary (1973-1976).

A law graduate of the University of Utrecht, van den Broek practiced law in Rotterdam from 1965 to 1968.

He was born in Paris on December 11, 1936. He is married and has two children.

### Frans Andriessen

Frans Andriessen has been EC Commission Vice President for Trade and External Relations since January 1989. Now in his third term in the Commission and a Vice President since 1985, Mr. Andriessen previously held the Commission portfolios for agriculture (1985-1988) and competition (1981-1984).

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Andriessen was involved for many years in the national politics of his native Netherlands. He was Minister for Finance in the government of former Prime Minister Andreas van Agt from 1977 to 1979, after which he became a member of the Upper House (Senate) of the States-General in 1980 until his appointment to the Commission.

A member of the Dutch Catholic People's Party (KVP), Andriessen was elected to the Lower House of the States-General in 1967. During the ten consecutive years he spent in this office, he also served as Chairman of the KVP (1971-1977). Before entering the National Parliament, Andriessen served as a member of the Utrecht Provincial States (Regional Assembly) from 1958 to 1967.

Born in 1929 in the Netherlands, Vice President Andriessen is a law graduate of the University of Utrecht. He joined the Catholic Housing Institute in 1954 and remained with the organization until 1972.

Frans Andriessen is married and has four children.

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