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DELORS NAMED NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE E.C. COMMISSION

Jacques Lucien Jean Delors will be the next President of the Commission of the European Communities from January 6, 1985. The announcement that Delors had received approval by all the E.C. Governments was made simultaneously in Dublin and Brussels by Garret FitzGerald, Irish Prime Minister, who took over the E.C. Council of Ministers' Presidency on July 1. The Council Presidency rotates every six months among the E.C. member states. The term of office for members of the E.C. Commission is four years.

Mr. Delors has direct experience with E.C. affairs. He was elected to the European Parliament in June 1979, where he chaired the Parliament's Economic and Monetary Committee. During the French Council presidency (January-July 1984) he played a dominant role at the Fontainebleau Summit which settled the budgetary crisis, thus relaunching the Community. Current E.C. President, Gaston Thorn, said that Mr. Delors is a "convinced European" noted for his "extensive knowledge of Community and international, economic and financial affairs."

Mr. Delors, who will be 59 tomorrow, was Minister of Economy and Finance in the Mitterrand government from 1981-1983 and Minister for Finance and Budget from March 1983. He is an economist and long-time economic adviser to Mr. Mitterrand. After working on the staff of Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas from 1969-1972, he became Member of the General Council of the Bank of France. From 1969-1973 he also served as Secretary General for Continuing Education. Joining the Socialist Party in 1974, he became a member of its Steering Committee and its delegate for international economic relations.

Mr. Delors is married to Marie Lephaille and has a son, Jean-Paul, and a married daughter, Martine Aubry.