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GAC APPOINTS TRUMPF AS SECRETARY GENERAL  
BRUSSELS, July 18 (Reuter) - The General Affairs Council appointed Juergen Trumpf on Monday to be secretary general of the Council of Ministers.

Trumpf, currently German secretary of state for European Affairs, will replace Denmark's Niels Ersboell, who is retiring.

A senior career diplomat who joined Bonn's Foreign Ministry in 1958, Trumpf has worked on European Union affairs since 1970 and was closely involved in negotiating the Maastricht Treaty.

With the exception of one year in development aid issues, he has spent the last 24 years dealing with the EU in various posts in Bonn and Brussels, including as Bonn's permanent representative to the European Community between December 1989 and February 1993.

He was then recalled to Bonn to become a Foreign Ministry state secretary, the top post available to a civil servant, in charge of European, economic and cultural affairs.

Ersboell was reappointed Council secretary general on a temporary basis earlier this month when senior appointments were being held up by the Commission presidency debate.

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EU AGREES IN PRINCIPLE JOINT ACTION TO BACK NPT

BRUSSELS, July 18 (Reuter) - European Union foreign ministers on Monday approved in principle joint EU action to prepare for the 1995 conference of countries subscribing to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

A statement issued during the General Affairs Council said this would be the first joint action by the Union on security policy.

It recalled that the European Council in Corfu had given broad support for joint action in this domain, and said that the initiative underlined the EU's longstanding support for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The joint action will aim to strengthen the international non-proliferation system through the promotion of the widening of treaty membership to include all countries and the treaty's extension, unconditionally and for an indefinite period.

The statement said the joint action would notably involve initiatives by the troika of previous, present and next Council presidencies in order to widen the consensus on the EU's approach to the subject.

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Curriculum vitae  
Dr Jürgen Trumpf

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	Born in Düsseldorf in 1931
	Married with two children
1951	Obtained university entrance qualification in Wuppertal
1951 - 1954	Classical philology and oriental studies at the Universities of Innsbruck and Cologne
1954 - 1955	Byzantine and modern Greek philology and history at the University of Athens
1956	Doctorate in classical philology from the University of Cologne
1956 - 1958	Research in Cologne and at the Kerameikos excavation site in Athens
1958	Entered the Federal Diplomatic Service
1959	Attaché at the German Embassy in Cairo
1961	Higher Service examination
	Assigned to the Foreign Office Training Centre, Bonn, as Third Secretary
1962 - 1967	Second Secretary at the Embassy in London
1967 - 1970	Consul in Rotterdam
1970 - 1979	Federal Foreign Office, European Communities Division, Head of Division from 1975 onwards
1979 - 1984	Minister at the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Communities, Brussels
1984	Federal Foreign Office, Head of Development Policy Directorate, adviser to the German Representative on the EC's Dooge Committee on Institutional Affairs
1985 - 1989	Head of European Communities Directorate
1989 - 1993	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Communities
since 1 February 1993	State Secretary at the Federal Foreign Office

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**APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Following the decision in principle taken at the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 18 July last, the Council has appointed Mr Jürgen TRUMPF, at present State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, as Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union for a period of five years as from 1 September.

Mr TRUMPF will succeed Mr Niels ERSBØLL who has occupied this post since October 1980 and whose term of office has come to an end.

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