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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Amédée Turner QC MEP

Member of the European Parliament for Suffolk & Harwich

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Amédée (Edward) Turner was born in 1929. He was educated at Colet Court, Temple Grove in Sussex, Dauntsey in Wiltshire and Christ Church College, Oxford.

He is married and has a daughter and a son.

He is a barrister and Queens Counsel practising at the Patent Bar in London. In 1978 he opened an office in Munich for practice at the European Patent Office and he has advised on patent law in New York (from 1956-60). Mr Turner has travelled to Europe many times to advise industrial clients and has worked and consulted with the European Patent Office on the setting up of a European Patent system and the EEC Patent. He also advises clients in the USA. He is the author of Anglo-American books on the Law of Trade Secrets and on European Patents.

Mr Turner is a Vice Chairman of the Conservative Foreign Affairs Forum. He was a member of Sir John Peel's working party on the Draft Charter of European Democratic Union for the European Parliament.

Since 1955 he has spoken and assisted in numerous Parliamentary elections. He was Chairman of Lambeth Vauxhall Conservative Association in 1962. He was an Area Chairman of Eye Conservative Association until 1974.

Mr Turner contested Norwich North in the General Elections of 1964, 1966 and 1970.

He has specialised knowledge of defence, the European Economic Community (especially industrial property matters including the establishment of English Legal principles and procedure in the European Patent Courts), industrial research and development, and American industry in Europe.

He was elected as Member of the European Parliament for Suffolk & Harwich in the first direct election (7 June 1979). In September 1979 Mr Turner was elected a member of the Rules & Petitions Committee, Vice Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee and an Alternate Member of the Committee on Economic & Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament. He is also a member of the Transport Committee. He covers, particularly, commercial and industrial legislation, the removal of barriers to trade, the fair enforcement of Community regulations in agriculture, fishing and industry, the expansion of tourism and the ports, and the future of road freight traffic.

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