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**EURATOM NAMES PIETRO CAPRIOGLIO AS HEAD OF JOINT RESEARCH CENTER**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 5 -- The European Communities Commission has named Pietro Caprioglio as Director General of European Atomic Energy Community's Joint Research Center, which consists of establishments at Ispra (Italy), Geel (Belgium), Karlsruhe (Germany), and Petten (Holland). The Director General's offices will be at Ispra, the most important of the four research centers.

Mr. Caprioglio was born on April 28, 1929, in Rome. Between 1957 and 1967, he worked first with AGIP Nucleare and then at Euratom. From July 1967 to March 1969 he was director of the Società Progettazioni Meccaniche Nucleari, part of the I.R.I. group. He then returned to Euratom as director of the Ispra establishment on April 1, 1969.

The appointment of Mr. Caprioglio follows the Commission's decision, made two weeks ago, to grant greater functional autonomy to the Joint Research Center -- part of the Commission's general plan approved last December by the Council of Ministers for restructuring the Joint Research Center.

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