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GUIDO BRUNNER APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION

Herr Guido Brunner has been appointed as a Member of the Commission of the European Communities to succeed Herr Ralf Dahrendorf. His appointment was formally confirmed by representatives of Member Governments on November 11, and he will attend his first Commission meeting on November 14. Herr Brunner will take over his predecessor's responsibilities for Research, Science and Education and the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Like Herr Dahrendorf, Herr Brunner is a member of the German Freie Demokratische Partei (FDP).

Herr Brunner was born in Madrid on May 27, 1930 and was educated at the German school in Madrid. Between 1949 and 1954 he studied law and economics in the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg and Madrid, obtaining a doctorate in law in 1955.

On entering the German Foreign Office he was appointed in 1956 to a position in the office of the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, von Brentano. In 1957 he spent several months in the Consulate in Liverpool and in the Embassy in Madrid. Between 1958 and 1960 he worked in the office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

In 1960 he was appointed to the staff of the German Federal Republic's Delegation to the United States, where he was initially responsible for Aid and Development and Social Questions, then Economic and Technological Matters. Finally, as Head of the Political Division of the Delegation he represented his country on numerous organisations, among them UNICEF and the UN executive council for Aid and Development. He attended conferences on world trade at Geneva in 1964 and New Delhi in 1968. He was also an observer at the Geneva negotiations on non-proliferation of nuclear arms between 1966 and 1968.

In 1968 he returned to the Foreign Office in Bonn where he worked in the section dealing with scientific and technological relations. He was also head of the German delegation at talks in Washington on a worldwide system of satellite communications (Intelsat).

In April 1970, Walter Scheel, then foreign minister, appointed

him Spokesman for the Foreign Office. In this capacity he attended numerous council meetings in Brussels and Luxembourg. He also took part in negotiations with Poland, Russia and China.

Since 1972 Herr Brunner has headed the planning department of the Foreign Office, responsible for elaborating the general guidelines of West Germany's foreign policy. More recently he has led the German Delegation at both phases of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Dr Guido Brunner, the new Member of the Commission

Dr. Guido BRUNNER

The Member States' Government Representatives have decided to appoint Dr *Guido Brunner* as Member of the Commission of the European Communities from 12 November 1974 to 5 January 1977,¹ to succeed Professor *Ralf Dahrendorf*, who has resigned. Professor Dahrendorf's term of office expires with the appointment of his successor. In his capacity as a Member of the Commission Dr Guido Brunner, like his predecessor, will be responsible for research, science, education and the Statistical Office of the European Communities.

Dr Brunner was born in Madrid on 27 May 1930. After taking his school-leaving certificate at the German School in Madrid, he studied law and economics at the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg and Madrid, from 1949 to 1954. He holds a degree in law from the University of Madrid. In 1955 he obtained a doctorate in private international law at the University of Munich.

Immediately afterwards he entered the Federal Foreign Ministry. In 1956, as part of his training, he worked in the Office of the Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Heinrich von Brentano, and in 1957 served for several months at the Consulate in Liverpool and at the West German Embassy in Madrid. After completing his diplomatic training in 1958, he spent two years in the State Secretary's Office in the Federal Foreign Ministry.

In 1960 he was transferred to the Office of the West German Observer at the United Nations in New York. There he was initially responsible for development aid and social affairs, then later, for matters associating with the Commission on Human Rights and later for economic and technological affairs. He was finally appointed Head of the Mission's Political Section.

During this period he represented his country as a delegate on the following bodies: Executive Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Executive Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Governing Body of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). He was also a delegate to numerous conferences on raw materials. He was a member of the West German Delegation to the world trade conferences (UNCTAD) in Geneva, and in New Delhi in 1968. From 1966 to 1968 he was a member of the observers' delegation at the Geneva negotiations on the Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In 1968 he was a member of the West German Delegation to the UN Conference of Non-Nuclear Powers held in Geneva.

In 1968 he returned to the Foreign Ministry in Bonn, where he worked in the Scientific and Technological Relations Department of the Political Section. During this period he served as deputy head of the West German Delegation to the negotiations on a worldwide commercial communications satellite system (INTELSAT) in Washington.

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In April 1970 the then Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Walter Scheel, appointed him to the post of Foreign Ministry spokesman (head of the Press Section). In this capacity, Dr Brunner attended numerous meetings of the Council of the European Communities. He also took part in all major international negotiations involving the Federal Republic of Germany, e.g., European Political Cooperation, NATO ministerial conferences, the Moscow Treaty with the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Treaty with Poland and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China in Peking.

In 1972 he took over as head of the Planning Staff in the Foreign Ministry, where he was engaged, until his appointment as a Member of the Commission of the European Communities, in the formulation of the Federal Republic's foreign policy guidelines.

In November 1972 Dr Brunner headed the West German Delegation to the CSCE multilateral preparatory talks in Helsinki. From August 1973 he served as head of his country's delegation during the second stage of this Conference in Geneva.

Dr Brunner is a member of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) and serves on the security policy committee of the FDP Federal Executive Council.

X Guido BRUNNER
Commissioner responsible for Energy and for Research, Science, and Education

born May 27, 1930, in Madrid

- 1949 - 1954 studied law at the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg, and Madrid
- 1955 became Dr. jur. of the University of Munich
- 1955 joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1957 Consular Attache in Liverpool and Embassy Attache in Madrid
- 1958 final consular and diplomatic examination, Embassy Secretary
- 1958 - 1960 Office of State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1960 Embassy Counsellor
- 1960 - 1967 Observer for the Federal Republic of Germany at the United Nations in New York - Counsellor, Grade I
- 1968 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Political Department, Scientific and Technological Relations Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs
- 1970 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Press Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs, Grade I
- 1972 Head of Planning Department
- 1972 appointment as Deputy Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1972 - 1973 leader of delegation of Federal Republic of Germany at the multi-lateral preparations for the CSCE in Helsinki
- 1973 leader of German delegation at 2nd stage of Geneva Conference
- 1974 appointment as Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1974 - 1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities