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Biographical Note

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Mr. Comba was born in 1925 in Torino, Italy.

At the European Economic Community's inception in 1958, he joined the EEC Commission in the field of economic and financial affairs. Later, he worked in the field of external relations. He participated in the 1961-63 negotiations for British entry into the Community and in the 1965-67 trade negotiations with Austria. In 1965-68, he headed the Commission desk for Central and Northern European countries and European organizations. Mr. Comba was then nominated Counsellor at the EC Mission to the United Kingdom.

After completing his studies up to a junior college level in Italy, Mr. Comba was among the first to benefit from postwar scholarships for high education in the United States. He obtained a B.A. in history at Goshen College, Indiana. His thesis subject was "Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and the Making of the American Constitution." Later, he obtained a M.A. in economics at New York University and studied political science at the University of Louvain in Belgium.

Out of his nine years of residence in the United States, Mr. Comba spent six years in the service of the Italian Government -- first in Washington, D.C., and then in New York City with the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations.

Mr. Comba has long been active in the European Federalist Movement.

Mr. Comba is married, has two children and makes his home in Brussels, Belgium.

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MR. ADOLFO COMBA WAS BORN IN TORINO (ITALY) IN 1925. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

AFTER COMPLETING HIS STUDIES UP TO JUNIOR COLLEGE LEVEL IN ITALY, HE HAS AMONG THE FIRST TO BENEFIT AFTER WWII OF A SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

HE OBTAINED A B.A. OF HISTORY AT GOSHEN COLLEGE, INDIANA. THE SUBJECT OF HIS THESIS WAS "THOMAS JEFFERSON, ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND THE MAKING OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION".

LATER HE OBTAINED AN M.A. OF ECONOMICS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND STUDIED POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN IN BELGIUM.

OUT OF HIS NINE YEARS OF RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR. COMBA SPENT SIX YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, FIRST IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THEN IN NEW YORK, N.Y., WITH THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ITALY TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

BACK TO EUROPE IN 1956, HE BECAME AN OFFICIAL OF THE EEC COMMISSION SINCE ITS ONSET AND HAS REMAINED ONE EVER SINCE, FIRST IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS THEN IN THE FIELD OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

HE PARTICIPATED IN THE 1961-63 NEGOTIATIONS OF THE EEC WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRIA BETWEEN 1965-67. HE HEADED THE DESK OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS BETWEEN 1965 AND 1968, WHEN HE WAS NOMINATED COUNSELLOR AT THE

WAS NOMINATED COUNSELLOR AT THE MISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MR. COMBA HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE EUROPEAN FEDERALIST MOVEMENT IN EUROPE.

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