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The Council of the European Union has been informed of the Italian Government's appointment of **His Excellency Mr Silvio FAGIOLO** as Italy's Permanent Representative to the European Union. He replaces His Excellency Mr Luigi GUIDOBONO CAVALCHINI GAROFOLI, who has been appointed Head of the Private Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr FAGIOLO took up his duties on 7 February 2000.

(His curriculum vitae is attached.)

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SILVIO FAGIOLO

Born in Rome on 15 July 1938; graduated in law at the University of Rome in 1961; entered the diplomatic service in 1969.

During the period 1972 to 1979 he was First Secretary in Moscow and Consul in Detroit. Returning to the Ministry in 1979 he was assigned to the NATO Section of the Directorate-General for Political Affairs.

Between 1982 and 1986 he was First Counsellor in Bonn before returning to the Minister's Private Office in Rome. The Italian Government gave him the responsibility of preparing for the Intergovernmental Conference that negotiated the Maastricht Treaty.

In 1990 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary (2nd Class) and in 1991 Minister-Counsellor in Washington. He returned to Rome in 1995 to take up a post in the General Secretariat as the Minister's Personal Representative at the Intergovernmental Conference on the revision of the treaties, which resulted in the signing of the Amsterdam Treaty.

He was appointed Head of the Private Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 1 September 1997.

In December 1997 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary (1st Class).

He is an expert on defence and security matters as well as European integration, and has written many articles on international politics.

