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Mr. Leslie FIELDING, currently Head of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Japan, has been nominated by the Commission to succeed Sir Roy Denman as Director General for External Relations in Brussels, on 1 September 1982.

Mr. Fielding was born in London on 29 July 1932. He was educated at the University of Cambridge and at the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London. He entered the U.K. Diplomatic Service in 1956 and served in Teheran (1957-1960), Singapore (1964), Phnom Penh (1964-1966, Charge d'Affaires) and in Paris (1967-70). His last assignment was as Counsellor and Deputy Head of the Policy Planning Staff in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

Mr. FIELDING joined the Directorate General of External Relations of the Commission in 1973. From 1973 to 1977, he was the Director in DG I responsible for relations with the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa; for external agricultural questions; and for the Commission's Protocol Service and External Offices.

From 1977-1978 Mr. FIELDING was a Visiting Fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford. He took up his post as Head of the delegation in Tokyo in October 1978.

Mr. FIELDING is married to Dr. Sally Harvey (formerly Fellow of St. Hilda's College, Oxford and University Lecturer of medieval history, and currently Visiting Professor at Keio University, Tokyo). They have one daughter, Emma, born 12 December 1979.