



## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

### **ELISABETH GUIGOU, MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEP) VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

Elisabeth Guigou was born in Marrakesh (Morocco) on August 6, 1946. She studied at the universities of Rabat and Montpellier and holds diplomas in economics and American literature. She studied at the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris from 1971 to 1974.

Mrs. Guigou started her distinguished career as a French civil servant when she joined the Finance Ministry in 1974. She was a special advisor to the Finance Committee for the Seventh Economic Plan (1975-1976) and also a lecturer at the prestigious Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris in 1976. She was subsequently appointed financial attache to the French Embassy in London and served in that post for three years (1979-81). On her return to Paris in 1981, she headed the Europe-America-Asia desk at the Treasury Department.

In 1982, she joined the staff of the then Finance Minister Jacques Delors as an advisor and then returned to the Ministry of Economy, Finance and the Budget in 1985. She was secretary general of the Interministerial Committee for questions regarding European Economic cooperation.

Elisabeth Guigou was appointed Deputy Minister for European Affairs in the cabinet of former Prime Minister Edith Cresson on May 15, 1991. She previously held the same post in the cabinet of former Prime Minister Michel Rocard beginning October 2, 1990, and at the time of her appointment she was a specialist in European Community Affairs and an advisor to President Mitterand.

Elisabeth Guigou was elected as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in June 1994. She is Vice President of its Committee on Institutional Affairs. She is presently a member of the high-level Reflection Group charged with preparing next year's Inter-governmental Conference on the future of the European Union. MEPs are elected by EU member states' citizens every five years.

Mrs. Guigou is married and has one son.

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