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Personnel: Commission appoints new Directors General for External Relations and Enlargement

The European Commission today decided to appoint Eneko Landaburu as the new Director General for External Relations and Fabrizio Barbaso as acting Director General for Enlargement. The Commission also named Hervé Jouanjean as Deputy Director General for External Relations, responsible for relations with Latin America and Asia (excluding Japan and Korea).

Eneko Landaburu is a 55-year-old official of Spanish nationality who is currently Director General for Enlargement. He joined the Commission as Director General for Regional Policy and Cohesion in 1986. Since January 2000, he has been Director General for Enlargement and was chief negotiator with the candidate countries. He will take up his new post on 1 September 2003, replacing Frenchman Guy Legras, who retires on 1 August.

The Commission also decided to appoint Herve Jouanjean as Deputy Director General for External Relations, responsible for relations with Latin America and Asia (excluding Japan and Korea). Mr Jouanjean, a 53-year-old French national, is currently a Director in DG Trade responsible for all matters relating to the OECD and WTO. He joined the Commission in 1976 and since then has held various positions in the External Relations field dealing mostly with trade issues." He will take up his new post on 1 September 2003.

Fabrizio Barbaso, a 53-year-old official of Italian nationality, has been appointed Deputy Director General for Enlargement, and will, in this capacity, be acting Director General as of 1 September 2003. He joined the Commission in 1976, and has focused on numerous aspects of industrial and international relations. His career has also included stints in the Cabinets of Commissioner Giolitti (1984) and Commissioner Ripa di Meana (1985-92) and he is currently Deputy Director General for Agriculture (AGRI).

The Commission also decided to advertise internally for candidates to fill the post in DG AGRI vacated by Mr Barbaso, which covers institutional relationships, communication and quality, as well as markets for plant and animal products, specialised crops and wine.

The CVs of Messrs. Landaburu, Jouanjean and Barbaso are available in annex.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mr. Hervé JOUANJEAN

was born on 28 September 1949 at Neuilly sur Seine, France.

He is married with two children.

He has obtained the following diplomas: Institute of Political Studies, Paris - Economics and Finance; Doctorate in Economic Science; Doctorate in Political Science.

From 1973 to 1974 Hervé Jouanjean worked at the Ministry of Industry in Paris and 1975 to 1976 he was employed by Industrial and Commercial Credit, Paris.

Hervé Jouanjean's career at the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate General for External Relations began in 1976. He first worked on the Enlargement Task Force (Greece, Spain and Portugal). Then, from 1982 to 1986 he was the negotiator for textile agreements - Mediterranean countries. In 1987 Hervé Jouanjean joined the GATT Division. He became Head of the Unit responsible for the external dimension of the internal market in 1989. Between 1993 and 1995 he was Deputy Head of the Permanent Delegation of the Commission in Geneva to the International Organisations (WTO-UN). On his return to Brussels, in 1995 he became Head of the Unit dealing with the WTO and OECD.

In 1996 Hervé Jouanjean became a Director in the Directorate General for External Relations, which has now become Directorate General for Trade, and since then he has been responsible for all matters relating to the OECD, WTO (GATT, GATS, dispute settlement and Trade Barriers Regulation).