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Mr. Reichardt is First Secretary for Science and Technology at the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities (E.C.). He has held this position since September 1979.

A Dutch citizen, Mr. Reichardt was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 1931. He attended school in Amsterdam and subsequently received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delft in 1958.

Upon joining the European Communities in 1959 as a nuclear scientist working in nuclear reactor component development, Mr. Reichardt was assigned as a European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) scientist to the materials branch of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (O.E.C.D.) high temperature gas-cooled reactor experiment located in Winfrith, Dorset, England. After four years he was transferred and worked for seven years as part of the operating team of the liquid-metal fast-breeder reactor experiment, "Rapsodie", in the South of France.

At the end of 1970, he returned to the E.C. headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, where he worked in the Directorate-General for Industry. Here he dealt with the elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade between E.C. member states in electrical instruments and tools (ranging from electric motors to X-ray equipment to pacemakers). In 1976 he became the Committee Secretary of the E.C.'s Fast Reactor Coordinating Committee, which coordinated efforts of E.C. and member state laboratories in the development of liquid-metal fast-breeder reactors.

Mr. Reichardt is married to Bertha-Maria Bosch; they have two daughters, who are currently attending college in the Netherlands.

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