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Biography

HENRI ROCHEREAU

Member, Common Market Commission

Henri Rochereau was appointed a member of the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market) on January 10, 1962, succeeding Robert Lemaignen. He is commissioner in charge of overseas development, and is a member of the Commission working groups on social affairs, agriculture, and transport.

Born in Chantonnay (Vendee) in 1908, Mr. Rochereau, who holds a doctorate in law, became Senator for la Vendee in 1946 and was re-elected in 1948, 1952, 1958 and 1959. He has served the French Government in a variety of posts including that of Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee of the Council of the Republic (1955-58) and, in the spring of 1959, Chairman of the Senate Committee for Economic Affairs and Planning. In May 1958, he was a delegate to the European Parliament, and from May 1959 to August 1961, Mr. Rochereau was France's Minister of Agriculture.

He assumed his duties as a Commission member on February 9, 1962.