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DIETER ROGALLA,

Member of the European Parliament

Dieter Rogalla is a member of the European Parliament and of its Committee on Energy and Research. Aged 54, he was educated at Munster University in West Germany, where he studied law. He also attended the School of Law at Valparaiso University, Indiana from 1951-52.

Mr Rogalla worked as a lawyer in the German Federal Customs Administration from 1957-61, before joining the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels, Belgium. He remained with the European Community's executive body until 1981, working in the fields of the EC customs union, personnel administration and development aid to the Third World.

On October 1, 1981, Mr Rogalla became one of the 81 members who represent West Germany in the 434 member directly elected European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. A member of the West German Social Democratic Party, Mr Rogalla sits in the European Parliament as a member of the Socialist Group. He is a member of the Committee on Energy and Research and specializes in energy saving and coal problems.

Mr Rogalla is a citizen of West Germany and is married with four children.

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Biographical Note

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Mr. Rogalla was born in 1927 in Germany. From 1948 to 1952, he studied law and economics at the University of Muenster (Germany) and at Valparaiso University, Indiana, where he attended the School of Law. He obtained his final law degree in 1957.

From 1957 to 1960, he worked in the Ministry of Finance's Customs and Excise Departments in Muenster, Cologne and Hanover, and later joined the law division in the Finance Ministry.

In 1961, he joined the Commission of the European Communities' Internal Market Division which eventually worked out the customs union proposals. From 1963 to 1968, he worked in the legal division of the Commission's Personnel and Administration Division. He then became Assistant to the Director-General for Aid and Development with special responsibility for the Community's association with the 19 African States who signed the Yaoundé Convention. Since 1970, Mr. Rogalla is a division chief in the Commission's Division for Personnel and Administration, with special responsibility for employee statutes.

Mr. Rogalla has traveled extensively to West and Central Africa. He is a registered member of the Social-Democratic Party (SPD) in Germany and participates regularly in election campaigns on the federal and state level. He has lectured at international conferences on economic and monetary subjects.

While studying at Valparaiso University, he worked as a reporter for several local and regional newspapers, supplementing his livelihood as a law student.

Mr. Rogalla is married to a physician. The couple and their four children live in Brussels.

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