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Born in Wales in 1943, Mr. Avery was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and Balliol College, Oxford University, where he obtained the degree of Master of Arts in Literae Humaniores (classical studies and philosophy).

He began his career in public service in London in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, where he took part in the British negotiations for membership of the European Communities, and was Private Secretary to successive Ministers (Fred Peart, John Silkin).

Mr. Avery joined the European Commission in Brussels in 1973 as a member of the cabinet of Christopher Soames, Vice-President responsible for external relations. He was Adviser and then Deputy Head of Cabinet of Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission in 1977-80.

He held posts in the Directorate General for Agriculture in 1981-1990 as Head of Unit for strategic questions and later Director for rural development, and was a member of the cabinets of Commissioners responsible for agriculture (Finn Gundelach, Poul Dalsager, Frans Andriessen).

In the Directorate General for External Relations, Mr Avery was Director for relations with the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand 1990-92, and Director for relations with the countries of the European Free Trade Area and the European Economic Area 1992-3. As Director in the Task Force for Enlargement he participated in the accession negotiations with Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway 1993-94, and was the Commission's negotiator with Austria. He was Chief Adviser for Foreign Policy Planning in 1995; Chief Adviser for Enlargement 1996-98, Chief Adviser for strategic questions in the Directorate General for Enlargement 2000-03, and Director for strategy, coordination and analysis in the Directorate General for External Relations 2004-06.

He led the task force which made the Commission's report to the European Council in 1992 on *Europe and the Challenge of Enlargement*, coordinated its Opinions in 1997 on the applications for membership by countries of Central and Eastern Europe and contributed to the report *Agenda 2000*. He was author of the report *Policies for an Enlarged Union* in 2001, and piloted the report *Enlarging the European Union* presented to the Commission by Wim Kok in 2003.

In 1998-2000 as Inspector General of the Commission and head of the Inspection Générale des Services he coordinated the report *Designing Tomorrow's Commission*.

Mr Avery has been Secretary General of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (2006-8), Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (1986-7), Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence (2002-3, 2009, 2010), Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Natolin, Warsaw (2003-5), European in Residence at Canterbury University, New Zealand (2006) and Practitioner Fellow of the Sussex European Institute.

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