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#### NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO OECD

Ambassador Peter Jankowitsch has taken up his post as Head of the Austrian Permanent Delegation to the OECD in succession to Ambassador Georg Lennkh.

Born in Vienna in 1933, Mr. Jankowitsch holds degrees of law and modern languages from Vienna University and the Hague Academy of International Law. He entered the Austrian Foreign Service in 1957, being posted to the Austrian embassy in London in 1962. Two years later, he established the Austrian embassy in Dakar, his country's first in francophone Africa.

In 1972, Mr. Jankowitsch became Austrian Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. He acted as Representative of Austria in the Security Council (1973-74), being President in November 1973 during the Yom Kippour war. He led the work of the General Assembly on numerous occasions and presided or was co-chairman of a number of international conferences. He was, notably, for 19 years Chairman of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. In 1978, he became Austria's Permanent Representative to the OECD, returning to Vienna in 1982 as Deputy Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs and Director of Cabinet in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Elected a member of the National Assembly for Vienna in April 1983, he became International Secretary of the Socialist Party of Austria in December of the same year. Mr Jankowitsch was Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs from June 1986 until January 1987, when he was returned to Parliament.

Mr. Jankowitsch became Minister of State for European Integration and Development Co-operation in the Federal Chancellor's office in 1990, resuming his parliamentary duties in April 1992. Closely associated with the work of Chancellor Kreisky, Mr Jankowitsch has been active in Austrian and international institutions promoting international co-operation. He is an author and speaker on a wide range of international affairs topics.

Mr. Jankowitsch is married and has a son.

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