

## ESPAGNE - SPAIN

### **PEDRO SOLBES**

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER OF ECONOMY & FINANCE

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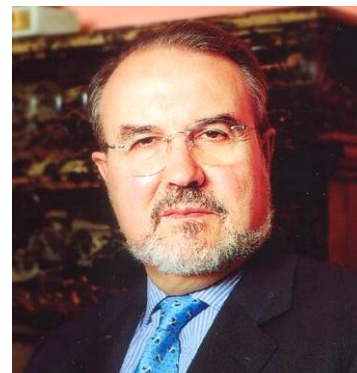
Born August 31st 1942, Pinoso (Alicante)

#### **Education**

Doctorate of Political Sciences, University of Madrid

Bachelor of law, University of Madrid

Diploma in European Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles



#### **Career**

1968 Civil servant, Ministry of Foreign Trade

1973 Commercial Counsellor, Spanish Mission to the European Community

1978 Special Adviser to Minister for Relations with the European Community

1979 - 1982 Director General of Commercial Policy, Ministry of Economics and Trade

1982 - 1985 General Secretary, Ministry of Economics and Finance. Member of task force for Spanish accession negotiations to the European Community

1989 President of Internal Market Council during first Spanish Presidency of EC

1985 Secretary of State for Relations with the EC

1991-1993 Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

1993-1996 Minister of Economics and Finance

1995 President of Ecofin Council during Spanish Presidency of EU

1996 Member of the Spanish Parliament

1996 President, Joint Committee of the Spanish Parliament on the European Union

September 1999 - Member of the European Commission, Economic & Monetary Affairs

May 2004 – Second Vice-President and Minister of Economy and Finance