NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE TO THE OECD

Mrs. Kalliope Nikolaou has just taken up her post as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the OECD. She succeeds Ambassador Dimitrios Germidis.

Born in Corinth in 1937, Dr. Nikolaou has a Ph.D. in economics at Bonn University, and an M.A. at Berkeley, USA. Her field of specialisation is industrial economics and statistics.

She started her career at the Centre for Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) as from 1961. She served as a liaison officer between KEPE and ILO from 1968 to 1973 and senior research fellow from 1974 to 1981. She was elected to the European Parliament in 1982, and became a member of both the Budget and Economic and Monetary Committees. She was also appointed spokesperson of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament on budget issues. In 1985 she was nominated President of the Board of Directors of the Greek Corporation for the Management of Public Real Estate. From 1992 until her present appointment she was manager of the "Region" Research Company for Consultancy and Development.

Dr. Nikolaou has participated in many conferences and seminars in Greece and abroad, and has written many articles and books on industrial competitiveness, capital formation, etc. She is Vice-President of the Medical Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims and President of the Hellenic Association of University Women.

Dr. Nikolaou is married, with one son.