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Prior to 2000 and for over 25 years, Mr. Voyadzis held up various distinguished functions for the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. and abroad as a staff member, manager, and senior manager.

Mr. Voyadzis took up his latest appointment for the World Bank as Special Representative to the European Union Institutions in Brussels in January 1996. He opened the Bank Office in Brussels and was its very first Director. As such, he was in charge of the World Bank's operational cooperation with the European Commission (EC), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).



This cooperation in programs/projects and in economic/physical infrastructure exceeded \$1.4 billion per year and was geared primarily to Eastern and Central Europe-countries ranging from Russia, to the accession to the EU states, to the Balkans and to Mediterranean and Africa countries.

Prior to bringing his expertise to the Brussels office, Mr. Voyadzis headed Country Operations Divisions in the Operational Complex of the World Bank. From 1989 to 1995, he led the Bank's operational activities for Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank and Gaza and Yemen. The focus of his activities, managing a large team of staff, ranged from designing country development and lending strategies to assisting Governments to implement them. This included conducting economic and sector work, preparing and negotiating investment projects in all sectors, mobilizing aid coordination efforts, project financing, and managing macro-economic and sectoral adjustment operations. He led the discussions with the Governments of Egypt and Jordan on private sector development, including privatization issues, as well as on investments in social and economic infrastructure. He also led the Bank's reconstruction efforts in Egypt, Lebanon, and the Palestinian territories.

From 1984-1989 Mr. Voyadzis headed the Country Operations Division for Venezuela, the Caribbean country, Guyana and Belize. Apart from conducting similar activities as those mentioned above, he revitalized the influential Consultative Group for Cooperation and Economic Development for the Caribbean, a top Bank sponsored aid coordination and aid mobilization effort. Mr. Voyadzis led the World Bank's work in assisting several Caribbean Governments conceptualize and implement needed economic, social, and financial sector reforms, as well as reforms needed to revitalize the private sector.

From 1975-1984, Mr. Voyadzis worked as a senior Economist/Senior Operations in Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia, and managed by the bank's external Affairs administration and budget.

Mr. Voyadzis has written and published several articles and reports on economic development issues. He had also participated as keynote speaker in seminars on economic development and private sector investment around the world. He has regularly lectured at the College de l'Europe in Brugge, and at the Economics Departments of the Universities of Brussels and Louvain. Over the years, Spiros Voyadzis has had several appearances on CNN, the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, BBC, other TV and Radio networks and was the subject numerous interviews by European newspapers and magazines. He is supporting many international welfare organizations.

Mr. Voyadzis holds an Honors Master's Degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Economics, Political and Social Sciences from the University of Brussels, Belgium, and a specialization in Public Finance. Mr. Voyadzis also enrolled in several business courses for senior managers, including those offered by Harvard and sponsored by the World Bank.