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### **JOAQUÍN ALMUNIA AMANN** COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS



- Born in Bilbao (Spain), on 17 June of 1948.
- Married. Two Children.

#### Academic Background

- Graduated in Law and Economics at the University of Deusto (Bilbao).
- Follow-up studies at L'École Pratique des Hautes Études de Paris.
- “Senior managers in Government” program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- Associate Lecturer at the University of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) on Employment and Social Security Law.

#### Professional activities

- 1976-1979, Chief economist of the UGT, a Spanish trade union.
- 1972-1975, Council Bureau of the Spanish Chambers of Commerce in Brussels, in relation with EU affairs.

#### Political positions

- Since 26 April 2004, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Economic and Monetary Affairs
- 2000, Socialist candidate for Prime Minister.  
1997-2000, Leader of the PSOE.  
1994-1997, Parliamentary leader of the PSOE.
- 1986- 1991, Minister of Public Administration.
- 1982-1986, Minister of Employment and Social Security.
- Since March 1979, Member of the Spanish Parliament. Seven times re-elected, last on 14 March 2004.
- Member of the Federal Committee of the PSOE.

#### Other activities

- Director of the research program on “Equality and redistribution of income” at the “Fundación Argentaria” (1991-1994).
- Founder (2002) and Director of the progressive think tank “*Laboratorio de Alternativas*”.
- Author of several books and regular contributor to the press.