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In November 1988, António José Cabral joined the European Commission. Until November 2004, he was a member of the staff of the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs. After having been an advisor and Head of Unit, he was appointed director of National Economies in 1992 (Economies of the Member States since 1999). His main duties concerned the monitoring, forecasting and analysing the economies of the Member States including policy analysis, especially budgetary policy, namely the implementation of the country-specific aspects of the Stability and Growth Pact. In May 2002 he was appointed Deputy Director General of the Directorate General, with direct responsibilities on research and studies, EU national economies and EU enlargement. Since November 2004, he is Senior Advisor in the office of Mr Barroso, President of the European Commission. On July 2010, he was appointed by President Barroso as his personal representative (Sherpa) for the G20 and the G8.

From 1972 to 1975/76, António José Cabral lectured at the *Instituto Superior de Economia* (Statistics, Basic Econometrics). From 1976 to 1988 he was Assistant and Assistant Professor at the Portuguese Catholic University (UCP, Lisbon), responsible for the courses of Statistics I, Statistics II and Econometrics. He was *Maître de Conférences*, invited, at the *Université Catholique de Louvain, Institut d'Etudes Européennes* from 1996 to 2002. He has participated in many conferences and has several publications, the most recent ones on Economic and Monetary Union and the Stability and Growth Pact.

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