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From 1995 to 1999, he was Head of Cabinet to the President of the European Commission and the President's Sherpa within the G7/G8 framework. Between 1993 and 1995, he headed the Cabinet of the Commissioner in charge of agriculture.

Jim Cloos worked at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg with the EU from 1987 to 1992. He took an active part in the drafting of the Maastricht Treaty during the Luxembourg Presidency in the first half of 1991. He was then promoted to Deputy Permanent Representative, a post he held until moving to the European Commission.

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