**Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Member of Parliament, Germany**

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul of Germany took office as Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in 1998 and has been a Member of the German Bundestag (Parliament) for the Social Democratic Party since 1987. Ms. Wieczorek-Zeul has previously been a member of the European Parliament and served on the Committee on External Economic Relations with special focus on foreign trade, European development policy and international agreements as well as a member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.