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## **JEAN MARC AYRAULT GIVES TRIBUTE TO FORMER GERMAN PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL**

### **A LEADING FIGURE DIED AT 97**

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**USPA NEWS** - It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of former President of the Federal Republic Walter Scheel. I offer my condolences to his family, Jean Marc Ayrault said, about the death of a leading figure of West Germany. Walter Scheel foreign minister and deputy chancellor of West Germany.

It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of former President of the Federal Republic Walter Scheel. I offer my condolences to his family. I express to the authorities and the German people my sympathy. Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister in the government led by Willy Brandt from 1969 to 1974 and President of the Federal Republic from 1974 to 1979, Walter Scheel will have played a key role in a period of great change for contemporary Germany". French Foreign Minister Said.

**WALTER SCHEEL WAS A LEADING FIGURE IN WEST GERMANY** -----

Walter Scheel, who as foreign minister and deputy chancellor of West Germany under Chancellor Willy Brandt from 1969 to 1974 helped foster détente with the Soviet bloc and rapprochement with Communist East Germany, died on Wednesday in Bad Krozingen, in southwest Germany. Alongside the Chancellor Willy Brandt, he launched Ostpolitik to the German Democratic Republic and laid the groundwork for a process that would take a few years later, the reunification of Germany. French Foreign Minister , confess about Walter Scheel, "He was able to embody and defend with conviction the values "of freedom and rule of law. I pay tribute to the action of this great defender of European construction. His vision of Europe and its European commitment should continue to inspire us." French Diplomacy

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