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Simon began his career in the UK government in 1996 at the UK Department of Health in London, holding a number of posts covering pharmaceutical industry competitiveness, supporting the UK position in enlargement negotiations and TRIPs, before joining DG Enterprise of the European Commission in Brussels in 2000, where he worked on pharmaceutical industry competitiveness for Europe. While there he led the establishment of the G10 programme, which brought together the top four pharma representatives in Europe together with Ministers, patient representative0, and different DGs of the Commission.

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