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LUIS ALBERTO THAIS APPOINTED UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN PANAMA

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Bradford Morse, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has appointed Luis Alberto Thais, a national of Peru, as the UNDP Resident Representative in Panama.

Mr. Thais will take up duties in Panama City on or about 24 May 1980. He is presently serving as Deputy Resident Representative in Buenos Aires. In Panama, he will be responsible for monitoring UNDP participation in the country's economic and social development activities.

Mr. Thais goes to Panama with wide experience in the service of UNDP. He first joined the Programme in 1972 as Area Officer in the Regional Bureau for Latin America, New York, and later worked as Policy and Evaluation Officer in that Division.

In 1975 he was appointed Deputy Resident Representative to Chile, where he served for two years until his transfer to Argentina in a similar capacity in 1977.

Born in 1942, Mr. Thais received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of San Marcos in Lima, in 1966. He also holds a certificate in the sociology of development from the University of Louvain, Belgium.

Prior to joining UNDP, Mr. Thais served with the Government of Peru as a sociologist in the National Institute of Planning from 1967 to 1969 and later as Chief of the International Technical Co-operation Office from 1969 to 1971.

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