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Biographical Note

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CHANDRA S. JHA

Chandra Shekhar Jha of India, who was today elected Chairman of the General Assembly's Special Committee of 17, has been his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations since January 1959.

The Special Committee was set up by the General Assembly last November to follow the situation with regard to the carrying out of the Assembly's 1960 Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples. Background information is given in Press Release GA/2363.7

Ambassador Jha is also Chairman of the Committee on Contributions for the period 1961-1963. In 1961 he was Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, and the year before he served as Chairman of the Governing Council of the Special Fund.

Before representing his country at the United Nations he was Ambassador to Japan from May 1957 until January 1959.

Mr. Jha was born 20 October 1909 and was educated at Patna University and the School of Oriental Studies, London. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1933, and served in Bihar and Orissa as Assistant Magistrate and Collector.

He was appointed Under-Secretary of the Finance Department in Bihar in October 1936 and Deputy Commissioner in April 1939. Later he served as Controller and Secretary of the Supply and Transport Department in Orissa.

Mr. Jha became Deputy Secretary to the Commonwealth Relations Department in March 1946 and was appointed Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, in May 1947.

In May 1950 he was appointed Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of India in Ankara, and he became Ambassador of India to Turkey in October 1951. Ambassador Jha was a member of India's delegation to the UN General Assembly from 1946 to 1949. In May 1954 he was again appointed Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Ambassador Jha was a member of India's delegation to the Asian-African Conference held in Bandung in 1955 and of his country's delegation to the first Suez Conference in London in 1956.

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