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MAJOR-GENERAL KUPOLATI OF NIGERIA NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has announced the appointment of Major-General Rufus Modupe Kupolati, of Nigeria, as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). The post has been vacant since December 1993. Major General Kupolati is expected to take up his functions at the beginning of October.

Born on 29 October 1946, Major-General Kupolati was commissioned as an officer in 1966 and has held his present rank since 1991. He has held a variety of appointments, including Chief of Logistics of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Peace-keeping Operation in Chad, Director of the Army Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps, Quartermaster-General of the Army, Field Commander of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Peace-keeping Monitoring Group, and Commander of the Nigerian Army Training and Doctrine Command. Prior to his current appointment, he was Chief of Training, Operations and Plans at the Defence Headquarters. From 1990 to 1993, he was a member of the Armed Forces Ruling Council.

Major-General Kupolati has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a member of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies and has published articles on joint operations and peace-keeping.

Major-General Kupolati is married and has five children.

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