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GRO HARLEM BRUNTLAND APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL
COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today announced the appointment of Dr. Gro Harlem Bruntland as Chairman of the Special Commission on the Environmental Perspective, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 38/161, adopted on Monday, 19 December.

Dr. Bruntland, who was Prime Minister of Norway from February to October 1981, is currently a member of the Norwegian Parliament, where she is Leader of the opposition Labour Party. She is also a member of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, also known as the Palme Commission.

From 1974 to 1975, Dr. Bruntland was Norwegian Minister of the Environment.

Dr. Bruntland, a medical doctor, is 44 years old and holds a Master's degree in public health.

Under the terms of resolution 38/161, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with Governments, to name the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission and accordingly establish the Commission, which is to deal with the preparation of an environmental perspective to the year 2000 and beyond.

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