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MILJAN KOMATINA APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today announced the appointment, following consultations with the members of the Conference on Disarmament, of Miljan Komatina as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, effective 1 January 1985. He will also act as Personal Representative of the Secretary-General. Mr. Komatina will replace Rikbi Jaipal, who is retiring on 31 December.

Since 15 January this year, Mr. Komatina, a national of Yugoslavia, has been Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to follow on-going global and regional efforts to increase confidence in international relations.

From October 1982 Mr. Komatina was Under-Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia. Prior to that, he was Permanent Representative of his country to the United Nations from July 1978 to September 1982.

From 1974 to 1978, Mr. Komatina was Assistant Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia, and from 1970 to 1973 he represented his country as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Mr. Komatina has participated in the work of all the regular sessions of the General Assembly since 1970, and in several of the Assembly's special sessions. He also participated in the Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries in Colombo in 1976 and in New Delhi in 1982, the Ministerial Conference of Non-Aligned Countries in Lima in 1974 and the Ministerial meetings of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries in Algiers, Belgrade, Havana and New Delhi.

He was President of the Economic and Social Council in 1982.

Born on 22 August 1923 in Montenegro, Yugoslavia, Mr. Komatina entered Yugoslavia's diplomatic service in 1948, and has served in Norway, Hungary, Tunisia, Algeria and Austria.

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He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of the Sorbonne, Paris, in 1948, and received a Master's degree in political science from New York University in 1973. He has published a series of works on non-alignment and international relations.

Mr. Komatina is married and has two children.

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