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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY
ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In his notes of 21 May 1980 (A/35/216/Rev.1) and 20 November 1980 (A/35/216/Rev.1/Add.1), the Secretary-General advised the General Assembly of the following decisions required to be taken by the Assembly during its thirty-fifth session, with regard to the membership in the International Civil Service Commission:

(a) The designation of the Chairman of the Commission, an action which the General Assembly, at its thirty-fourth session, had decided to defer to the present session;

(b) The appointment of five persons to fill the vacancies which will arise on 1 January 1981 as a result of the expiration of the terms of office of five members of the Commission;

(c) The appointment of one person to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Raúl A. Quijano's term of office, i.e., until 31 December 1982;

(d) The appointment of one person to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Jean de la Grandville's term of office, i.e., until 31 December 1981.

2. The appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission is governed by the provisions of articles 4 and 5 of the Commission's statute, which read as follows:

"Article 4

"1. After appropriate consultations with Member States, with the executive heads of the other organizations and with staff representatives, the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative

Committee on Co-ordination, shall compile a list of candidates for appointment as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Commission and shall consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions before consideration and decision by the General Assembly.

"2. In the same way, the names of candidates shall be submitted to the General Assembly to replace members whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned or otherwise ceased to be available.

"Article 5

"1. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of four years and may be reappointed. Of the members initially appointed, however, the terms of five members shall expire at the end of three years, and the terms of five other members at the end of two years.

"2. A member appointed to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his or her predecessor's term.

"3. A member of the Commission may resign on giving three months' notice to the Secretary-General."

3. Pursuant to the above-cited provisions of the Commission's statute, the Secretary-General has undertaken consultations with Member States, through the Chairmen of the various regional groups, with the executive heads of the other organizations, with the staff representatives, through FICSA, and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

4. With regard to the designation of the Chairman of the Commission, it will be recalled that, at the thirty-third session, the General Assembly had designated Mr. Raúl A. Quijano (Argentina) as Chairman of the Commission until 31 December 1982 (decision 33/319). Following his resignation as a member and Chairman of the Commission, the General Assembly, at its thirty-fourth session, deferred to its thirty-fifth session the designation of the Chairman; appointed Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina) to serve as a member of the Commission until a Chairman was designated at the thirty-fifth session; and decided that Mr. de Prat Gay should serve, on an exceptional basis, full-time as Acting Vice-Chairman (decision 34/325). Mr. Richard M. Akwei (Ghana), who was designated Vice-Chairman at the thirty-third session (decision 33/319), is, pursuant to the provisions of article 8, paragraph 2 of the statute, Acting Chairman of the Commission.

5. In the course of his consultations with Member States (through the Chairmen of the regional groups), the Secretary-General received, on 9 October 1980, a letter from the Chairman of the Latin American Group indicating that Group's wish that Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina) be designated Chairman of the Commission and, on 22 October, a letter from the Chairman of the African Group conveying that Group's wish that Mr. Richard M. Akwei (Ghana) be so designated. None of the other regional groups expressed a position on the question of the Chairmanship.

6. For its part, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, which considered this question at its second regular session for 1980 (3-4 November 1980) decided to transmit the candidatures of both Mr. Richard M. Akwei (Ghana) and Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina) for consideration by the General Assembly.

7. The Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) has not expressed a preference on the question of the Chairmanship.

8. Accordingly, following the consultations required by the provisions of article 4 of the Commission's statute, the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, has decided to transmit the candidatures of both Mr. Richard M. Akwei (Ghana) and Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina) for consideration by the General Assembly for the position of Chairman of the Commission and, with regard to the other decision required of the Assembly during its current session, as described in paragraph 1 (b), (c) and (d) above, wishes to propose the following appointments:

(a) To fill the vacancies that will arise on 1 January 1981:

Mr. Amjad Ali (Pakistan) (reappointment)

Mr. Michael O. Ani (Nigeria) (reappointment)

Mr. Anatoli Semenovich Chistyakov (USSR) (reappointment)

Mr. M. A. Vellodi (India) (new appointment)

Mrs. Halima Warzazi (Morocco) (reappointment);

(b) To fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Raúl A. Quijano's term of office:

Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina);

(c) To fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Jean de La Grandville's term of office:

Mr. Jean-Claude Fortuit (France).

9. The curricula vitae of the two candidatures for the position of Chairman as well as of the candidates proposed for appointment for the first time are attached.

Annex

RICHARD M. AKWEI

Date of birth: 27 November 1923

Education: Achimota College (Intermediate B.A.), Ghana, 1945
 Christ Church, Oxford University (B.A., Politics, Economics and Philosophy), 1951
 London University (Post-graduate Certificate in Education), 1952

Career: 1980 Acting Chairman, International Civil Service Commission, New York

1979 Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman, International Civil Service Commission, New York

1978 Vice-Chairman, International Civil Service Commission, New York

1976 Senior Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Accra

1972-1976 Ambassador of Ghana to People's Republic of China, Peking

1967-1972 Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, New York

1968: Chairman, Second Committee of General Assembly

1969: Vice-President, General Assembly

1969: Chairman, General Assembly's Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations

1970: Chairman, General Assembly's Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations

1965-1967 Permanent Representative of Ghana to United Nations Office at Geneva

Concurrently Ambassador of Ghana to Switzerland, Berne

Resident Representative of Ghana to IAEA, Vienna

Vice-Chairman, contracting parties of GATT, 1966-1967

1964-1965 Ambassador of Ghana to Mexico

1963 Principal Secretary (official head), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Accra

1960-1962 Director, Western European and Eastern European Departments, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Accra

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1957-1960 First Secretary, later Counsellor, Ghana Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

1956-1957 Foreign Service Officer attached to United Kingdom
High Commission, Ottawa

1952-1956 Magistrate and Administrative Officer, Gold Coast Civil
Service

1952 Lecturer, Extramural Studies Department, University of
Ghana, Legon

1945-1948 Official, Supreme Court of the Gold Coast

Special missions:

1961 Member of Ghana Presidential Goodwill Delegation to the
USSR

On official assignments to the People's Republic of
China, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland, Albania,
Czechoslovakia and the Federal Republic of Germany

Delegate of Ghana to the Preparatory Conference of
Non-aligned Countries, Cairo and subsequently to the
First Conference of Non-aligned Countries

Presidential Adviser at the Commonwealth Heads of
Government Conference, London

1962 Member, delegation of Ghana to the Colombo Conference on
the Sino-Indian border dispute

1963 Member, delegation of Ghana to India and China on behalf
of the Colombo Powers on the Sino-Indian border dispute

1964-1965 Member, delegation of Ghana to the nineteenth session
of the General Assembly of the United Nations

1965 Leader, delegation of Ghana to the thirty-ninth session
of the Economic and Social Council, Geneva

Leader, delegation of Ghana to the second session of
the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD, Geneva

Leader, delegation of Ghana to the International Sugar
Conference, Geneva

Leader, delegation of Ghana to the forty-ninth General
Conference of the ILO

1965-1966 Leader, delegation of Ghana to the fourth session of the
Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD, Geneva

1968 Vice-President of United Nations Conference of
Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, Geneva

1968-1972 Represented Ghana at various meetings of the Security
Council of the United Nations, including its special
session in Africa at Addis Ababa

1977 Member, Economic Delegation of Ghana to South-East
Asia and the Far East

Family: Married, three children

Awards: Franklin Peace Medal

Listing: The International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who,
since 1972

Hobbies: Tennis, photography, music, reading

GASTON DE PRAT GAY

Place of birth: Tucumán, Argentina

Date of birth: 28 December 1934

Studies and degrees: School of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, University of California, Berkeley
Master of Arts in International Relations, American University, Washington, D.C.
Ph.D. candidate (May 1980), American University, Washington, D.C.

Foreign service: Joined the Argentine Foreign Service with the rank of Attaché, October 1959

Promotions:	Third Secretary	1961
	Second Secretary	1963
	First Secretary	1966
	Counsellor	1967
	Minister Plenipotentiary	1974

Posts in Buenos Aires: Press Adviser to the Foreign Minister, 1959-1962
Policy Planning Office, 1966-1969
Deputy Director of the Foreign Service Institute, 1978
Chief of the North American Department, 1979

Posts abroad: Argentine Embassy, Washington, D.C., United States of America, 1961-1966
Argentine Embassy, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1969-1971
Argentine Mission to the United Nations, New York, 1971-1976
(Deputy Permanent Representative, 1973-1976)
Argentine Embassy, Washington, D.C., United States of America, 1977
(Deputy Chief of Mission)

Special missions: Member of the Argentine delegation to the following events:

1960	Meeting of the Presidents of Argentina and the United States of America, Bariloche, Argentina
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- Meeting of the Presidents of Argentina and Chile,
Santiago, Chile
- Fifteenth session of the General Assembly of the
United Nations
- 1961 Meeting of the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil,
Uruguayana, Brazil
- Meeting of the Presidents of Argentina and the United
States of America, New York, United States of America
- Meeting of the Inter-American Economic Ministers
(Alliance for Progress), Punta del Este, Uruguay
- Sixteenth session of the General Assembly of the
United Nations
- 1962 8th Consultative Meeting of the Organization of
American States, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- 1955 9th Consultative Meeting of the Organization of
American States, Washington, D.C., United States of
America
- 1967 11th Consultative Meeting of the Organization of
American States, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Third Extraordinary Inter-American Conference,
Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of
Argentina and Paraguay, Asunción, Paraguay
- Meeting of Presidents of the Americas, Punta del Este,
Uruguay
- 1968 Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Argentina and
Peru, Lima, Peru
- Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Argentina, Bolivia,
Paraguay and Peru, Lima, Peru
- Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Argentina and
Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 1971-1976 Twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-
ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the
General Assembly of the United Nations
- Alternate representative of Argentina to the United
Nations Security Council
- Special session of the Security Council in Africa,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Sixth and seventh special sessions of the General
Assembly of the United Nations
- Fifth meeting of Foreign Ministers of the non-aligned
countries, Lima, Peru

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Teaching posts:

1967-1969

Professor of Argentine Foreign Policy at the School of Political Science of the University of Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Journalist activities prior to joining the Foreign Service:

1957

United Press International, New York
Mañana magazine, Mexico

1958

Clarín newspaper, Buenos Aires

1959

Freelance writer in Europe

Publications:

Política Internacional del Grupo Latinoamericano
(Abeledo y Perrot, Buenos Aires), 1967

Articles in several papers and magazines

JEAN-CLAUDE ANDRE FORTUIT

Born on 7 April 1935

Graduate in law

Studied at the National Institute for French Overseas Departments and Territories

Career

Adviser for Foreign Affairs, second class

National Institute for French Overseas Departments and Territories, 1956

Military service, 1956-1958

National Institute for French Overseas Departments and Territories, 1959-1960

Seconded to the General Secretariat for the Community and African and Malagasy Affairs, Office of the President of the Republic, 1961-1962

Served as Chargé de Mission in the Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1962-1965

Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Secretary of State, 1965

Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Secretary of State for Education, 1966-1967

Served in the Office of the President of the National Assembly, 1967-1968

Deputy in the National Assembly, 1968-1973

Attended lectures at the Institute for Advanced Studies in National Defence, 1974-1975

Served in the Central Administration (United Nations and International Organizations), 1976-1979

Head of the Department of International Civil Servants, November 1979

Chevalier of the National Order of Merit

M. A. VELLODI

Date of birth: 22 July 1921
Length of government service: 29 December 1948 to 31 July 1979
Present post: Adviser, Department of Atomic Energy, Bombay

Regular Foreign Service assignments

1949-1951	Second Secretary, Legation of India Berne (Switzerland)
1951-1953	Under Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
1954-1955	Member, Delegation of India to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet Nam
1955-1957	Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
1958-1961	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York
1961-1962	High Commissioner for India, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika
1976-1979	Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Assignments with other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India

1969-1972	Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Bombay
1972-1976	Joint/Additional Secretary, Department of Space, Bangalore
September 1979	Adviser, Department of Atomic Energy, Bombay

Other assignments (including those connected with the United Nations and specialized agencies)

A. As representative of the Government of India

1949	Adviser, Delegation of India to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
1949-1951	Attended several meetings of the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization as Adviser

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- 1958-1961
- (1) First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York
 - (2) Adviser, thirteenth to sixteenth sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations
 - (3) Adviser, Delegation of India to the Security Council of the United Nations
 - (4) Representative, Trusteeship Council of the United Nations
 - (5) Adviser, Delegation of India to the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
 - (6) Adviser, Human Rights Commission of the United Nations
- 1969-1971
- (1) Member, Delegation of India to the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency
 - (2) Member, Delegation of India to the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency
- 1971
- Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Group of Consultant Experts on the Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and Increased Military Expenditures
- 1973-1975
- (1) Leader, Delegation of India to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
 - (2) Leader, Delegation of India to the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
 - (3) Leader, Delegation of India to the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
 - (4) Chairman, United Nations Drafting Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites
- 1976-1979
- (1) Member, Delegation of India to the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third sessions of the United Nations General Assembly
 - (2) Member, Delegation of India to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament
 - (3) Member, Delegation of India to the meetings of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Delhi, Havana and Maputo

- (4) Leader, Delegation of India to the Washington meeting on International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation (INFCE)
- (5) Attended the United Nations meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, July 1979

Present United Nations assignments

- (1) Chairman, Disarmament Commission (composed of the whole membership of the United Nations)
- (2) Member, Secretary-General's Advisory Group on Disarmament
- (3) Member, Secretary-General's Group of Experts on a Comprehensive Study on Nuclear Weapons

B. Specific assignments while on deputation with the Secretariat of the United Nations (1962-1969)

1962-1968	Secretary of the First Committee of the General Assembly for seven successive sessions
1964-1966	Secretary, Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations
1962-1968	Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the 18-Nation Committee on Disarmament
1963-1964	Secretary, Security Council Committee on Sanctions against South Africa
1965-1968	Secretary, Security Council Committee on Sanctions against Southern Rhodesia
1967	Chairman, Group of Experts on the Effects of the Possible Use of Nuclear Weapons and the Security and Economic Implications for States of the Acquisition and Further Development of These Weapons
1962-1968	Member, United Nations Secretariat Appointments and Promotions Board
1963 and 1965	Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Annual Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
1965-1968	In charge of the Education and Training Programme for South Africans (instituted by the Security Council)
1963-1968	Member, study group set up by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on matters relating to the United Nations