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WALLY N'DOW APPOINTED AGAINST EXISTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL POST  
FOR DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF HABITAT

Post of Executive Director To Remain at Under-Secretary-General Level

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali:

I understand that there have been press reports which indicate that there may have been some misunderstanding with respect to the Secretary-General's appointment of Wally N'Dow as Assistant Secretary-General in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). There has been no downgrading of the Under-Secretary-General post of Executive Director of HABITAT; that post remains in the staffing table. Mr. N'Dow's appointment has been made against an existing Assistant Secretary-General post in HABITAT previously occupied by Sumihito Kuyama of Japan.

With a view to maintaining the separate identity of HABITAT, pending further action by the General Assembly, Mr. N'Dow will be responsible for the day-to-day management of HABITAT, reporting through the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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