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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/51/101 of 7 March 1996, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint five persons to fill vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 31 December 1996.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:
 - Ms. Denise Almao (New Zealand);
 - Mr. Ammar Amari (Tunisia);
 - Mr. Leonid E. Bidny (Russian Federation);
 - Mr. Gerard Biraud (France);
 - Mrs. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba);
 - Ms. Melinda L. Kimble (United States).
3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

Denise ALMAO

Present positions

Since February 1994:

Counsellor at the New Zealand Mission to the United Nations responsible for Fifth Committee and peacekeeping issues.

New Zealand representative to the Fifth Committee.

Delegate to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

Observer at the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

Alternate representative of New Zealand to the Security Council (until 31 December 1994) with responsibility for peacekeeping and European issues, including Bosnia.

Previous professional experience

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| 1991-1993 | Deputy Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Wellington. Responsible for Fourth and Fifth Committee issues and coordination of other General Assembly items. Budgeting and payment of New Zealand contributions to United Nations and other international organizations. Management of policy issues for New Zealand participation in peacekeeping operations. Commonwealth issues, including review of the Commonwealth Secretariat and preparation of budget for Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in New Zealand in November 1995. Foreign Ministry representative on the New Zealand National Commission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Finance and administration of the Division. |
| 1990-1991 | Head of Overseas Publicity Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Wellington. Responsible for administration and management of the Foreign Ministry's overseas public information programme and budget. |
| 1987-1990 | First Secretary, New Zealand Embassy, Rome. Alternate Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Bilateral political and economic issues in Italy, Spain and Portugal. |
| 1984-1986 | South Pacific Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Wellington. Principal officer responsible for management of economic assistance programme to Tokelau, including visit of United Nations mission to Tokelau. Management of projects to develop regional shipping services in the South Pacific. |

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1982-1983 Management Services Officer, Administration Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Wellington. Responsible for management inspections of overseas posts and conditions of service. Conducted specific management reviews covering areas such as procurement, overseas travel, rent standards, new policy proposals and mandated departmental savings. Principal officer in charge of initial feasibility study and introduction of word processing in the Foreign Ministry.

1979-1981 Vice-Consul, New Zealand Consulate-General, New York. Responsible for the administration and management of both the New Zealand Consulate-General and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Responsible for financial and property management, local staff recruitment, conditions of service and day-to-day supervision.

April 1979 Joined New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Major international conferences and meetings attended

Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, forty-fourth regular session (1989), forty-eighth resumed session (1994), forty-ninth session (1994-1995) and fiftieth session (1995-1996).

Twenty-fifth Annual Vienna Seminar on Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution (1995).

South Pacific Regional Shipping Conference, Suva, 1986.

Cook Islands-Niue-New Zealand Joint Shipping Service Meetings, Niue (1985), Auckland (1986).

Tokelau General Fono, 1984-1986.

United Nations visiting mission to Tokelau (July 1986).

Education

Degree in French from the University of Otago, Dunedin.

Courses in Public Sector Economics, Victoria University of Wellington.

Languages

English, French and Italian.

Ammar AMARI

Date and place of birth: 24 September 1952, Kairouan, Tunisia

Married, with two daughters.

Education

- 1979 Graduated from the National School of Administration, Tunis.
- 1987 Master's Degree in Political Sciences, Saint John's University,
New York.
- Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy, Saint John's
University, New York.

Diplomatic career

- 1979-1980 First Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tunisia
(Department of International Organizations).
- 1980-1988 First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United
Nations, New York.
- 1988-1990 Counsellor at the Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tunis.
- 1990-1994 Counsellor at the Embassy of Tunisia in Washington, D.C.
- 1994- Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations,
New York.

Other functions

- 1984-1988 Chairman of the Subcommittee on Small Territories of the Special
Committee on Decolonization.
- 1984 Chairman of the United Nations visiting mission to Anguilla.
- 1987 Chairman of the United Nations visiting mission to Tokelau.
- 1990-1994 Deputy Permanent Observer of Tunisia to the Organization of American
States, Washington, D.C.
- 1995 Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

Participated in many regional and international seminars, meetings and
conferences.

Member of the Tunisian delegation to more than 20 regular, special and
extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly.

Languages: Arabic, French and English.

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Leonid BIDNY

Born 1942.

Marital status Married, with two sons.

Diplomatic rank Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Education

1968 Completed studies at Moscow University.

1977 Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Candidate in Law (first postgraduate degree).

Experience

1970-1975 United Nations Secretariat.

1975-1977 Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1977-1978 United Nations Secretariat.

1978-1983 Second Secretary, then First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations.

1983-1985 First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1986-1991 Counsellor, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for formulating and implementing policies on administrative and budgetary issues of the United Nations system.

1991-1994 Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations.

1991-1994 Member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

1991- Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

1996- Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Served as member of his country's delegation to the Fifth Committee and other administrative and budgetary bodies of the United Nations from the forty-first to the forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.

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Gérard Biraud

Positions held

- 1996 and
1990-1992 Special Adviser to the Director, Department of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. Represented France at various international meetings and conferences, in particular on administrative, budgetary and management matters, as well as development bodies such as the Economic Commission for Africa and the Commission on Population and Development. Active member of the French delegation to the Fifth Committee, the Committee for Programme and Coordination (thirty-first and thirty-second sessions and head of the French delegation at the thirty-sixth session). Proposed and participated in a seminar on budgeting (April 1992) approved by the General Assembly.
- 1995 Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (elected 21 December 1994). Chaired meetings and a Committee study tour to the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) while the Chairman, Ambassador M. C. S. Mselle, presented the Committee's positions to the Fifth Committee.
- 1993-1995 Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an independent expert. Published various analytical papers (in French and English) aimed at facilitating the work of the Secretariat, the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee on the financing of peacekeeping. Participant in the seminar on the medium-term plan convened by the Secretariat in April 1993.
- 1988-1990 Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the European Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Geneva. Represented UNDP at meetings of ILO, FAO, WHO, UNHCR, UNCTAD governing bodies and on the Economic and Social Council. Actively involved in preparations for the International Conference on Central American Refugees (CIREFCA). Wrote a comprehensive report on two years of activities of the UNDP European Office.
- 1983-1988 Head of Economic and Development Section, Department of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. Coordinated the positions of ministries and other relevant agencies in the drafting of instructions for French delegations to the Second Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, UNCTAD and its subsidiary bodies, the five regional economic commissions, United Nations funds and programmes such as UNDP, UNFPA, UNEP, the World Food Programme, the World Food Council, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, as well as

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specialized agencies such as FAO and UNIDO. Represented France at various international meetings and conferences as a member or head of delegation. Chaired various European Community working groups in Brussels and Western group meetings on development matters at UNCTAD and UNIDO.

- 1982-1983 In the Office of the Prime Minister, Adviser to the Senior Official in charge of Development Cooperation and Assistance (DICAD). Coordinated and harmonized the policies of French ministries and agencies with regard to developing countries.
- 1980-1982 In charge of international development matters in the Economic and Financial Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Conducted studies on international economic policy with regard to developing countries, guided the substantive preparations for the first United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1981.
- 1976-1980 Established, then headed, the Bureau for Multilateral Cooperation in the Ministry of Development Cooperation. Member or head of various French delegations to the Development Assistance Committee of OECD, relevant bodies of the European Community, UNCTAD, FAO, ECA and other bodies.
- 1972-1976 Economist in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of Development Cooperation. Took part in various field missions, wrote and published economic analyses of several developing countries, especially in Africa, including analyses of their budgets and national accounts.
- 1969-1972 Human resource economist, Ministry for Development Cooperation. Studied the relationships between population, economic activities, employment and education in 14 African countries. Took part in field missions and conducted cost-benefit analyses of education systems.

Academic positions held

- 1970-1990 Various lectures at the Centre de perfectionnement et de documentation de la coopération économique et technique, the Institut international d'administration publique and the Centre des hautes études d'Afrique et de Madagascar.
- 1973-1975 Taught development economics at the École nationale supérieure d'administration économique et de statistique, Paris.
- 1971-1973 European Training Centre for Development Statisticians, Paris.
- 1965-1966 National voluntary service as a teacher in a technical high school, Dakar, Senegal.

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University education

1971 Diplome d'études supérieures in economics, University of Paris.

1966-1970 Maîtrise in economics, University of Paris.

1966-1968 Institute of Social Sciences, Catholic University of Paris.

1966-1967 Institute for Labour Studies, University of Paris.

Personal data

Born in 1944 in Geneva; married in 1971.

Languages: Spoken and written English, some knowledge of Spanish, German, Italian and Portuguese.

Computer experience since 1974. Currently proficient in word-processing, spreadsheet and database computing.

Honours: Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, Chevalier du Mérite Agricole.

Hobbies: Home repairs and improvements, farming, piano, skiing, horse-riding.

Norma Goicochea ESTENOZ

Nationality: Cuban.

University degree in international relations, graduated in 1981 from the Higher Institute of International Relations, Havana, Cuba.

Currently senior officer for international economic organizations in the Division of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, and member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

Appointed to the following positions:

Rapporteur of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC).

Representative of Cuba on CPC, 1993-1994.

Member of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, 1987-1990.

Member of the corps of assistants to the Chairman of the Group of 77, 1987-1990.

Associate of the World Economy Research Centre, Cuba.

Acting Vice-President of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Governing Council, 1990.

Member of the Working Group on agency costs.

Member of the group of persons invited by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to analyse issues related to the world economy, Washington, D.C., 1989.

Adviser to the President of the Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77, 1990.

Officer responsible for the Fifth Committee in the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1981.

Representative of Cuba on the Fifth Committee during the forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the General Assembly.

Member of the Cuban delegation to the Fifth Committee during the forty-second and forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.

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Member of the Committee on Contributions, 1993-1994.

Member of ACABQ since November 1994.

Participant in several seminars and round tables held in Cuba on topics relating to world economy, as well as in the seminar organized by the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations, Geneva, 1985.

Completed several post-graduate courses in economics and international financial relations.

Participant in the following:

First and Second Congresses of Schools of Diplomacy and International Studies, Panama 1979, Costa Rica, 1980.

Meetings of the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, 1983, 1984 and 1986.

Meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, 1983 and 1984.

Latin American regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Population, Cuba, 1983.

International Conference on Population, Mexico City, 1984.

Latin American negotiating meeting on the Code of Conduct on Transnational Corporations, Buenos Aires, 1985.

Mid-term Global Review of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, Geneva, 1986.

Twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of CPC.

Forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the General Assembly.

Economic and Social Council, second regular session of 1990, Geneva.

Eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to the economic development of developing countries and international economic cooperation.

Melinda L. KIMBLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International Organization Affairs
United States Department of State

Melinda Kimble was named United States Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs (IO) in June 1991. IO develops and implements United States policy in the United Nations and its specialized agencies and other international organizations.

As United States Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ms. Kimble oversees the entire range of economic and social policy issues that come before the Economic and Social Council and the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly. She also has direct responsibility for substantive policy development for the key specialized and technical United Nations agencies as well as the voluntary funds and programmes, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme. She oversees the work of the Office of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of Technical Specialized Agencies and the Office of International Development Assistance. In this capacity, she developed the United States negotiating strategies for recent United Nations conferences, including those held at Cairo, Copenhagen and Beijing.

Ms. Kimble is a career Foreign Service Officer, joining the United States Department of State in January 1971. She was promoted to the Senior Foreign Service in 1989 and promoted to the rank of Minister Counsellor in 1993. Before assuming her current position, Kimble was the Director of the Office of Egyptian Affairs in the Near East and South Asia Bureau. From 1987 to 1989, she served as the Deputy and Acting Director of the Office of Monetary Affairs in the Economic and Business Bureau. She has also served in Tunisia, Egypt and Côte d'Ivoire, as well as in the Africa Bureau in Washington.

Ms. Kimble has bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Denver and a master's degree from Harvard. She is a recipient of the United States Department of State's Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards, senior performance pay and a presidential performance award. Her foreign languages are Arabic and French. She is married to James R. Phippard, a former career official of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and has four grown stepchildren.
