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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri, the new Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Since 1983, Mr. Al-Masri has been Director of International Organizations and Conferences at his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Damascus. From 1982 to 1983, he was Deputy Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations in New York.

He graduated with a degree in Law from Damascus University in 1954 and served as an attorney from 1954 to 1957. In 1957, he was a financial auditor with the Ministry of Finance, and in 1958 he joined the diplomatic service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Republic in Cairo.

In 1960, Mr. Al-Masri served as Consul in Baghdad, and from 1962 to 1965, he held the post of Deputy Director of the Cultural Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Damascus. From 1965 to 1967, he was Charge d'affaires of Syria in Cyprus, returning to Damascus to serve in the Western European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1967 to 1969.

Mr. Al-Masri began his service at the United Nations in New York in 1969, serving as Counsellor with the Syrian Mission there until 1972, when he was appointed as Syria's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He held that position until 1975, when he returned again to Damascus to take up new duties as Director at the Department of International Organizations and Department of Cultural Affairs at the Foreign Ministry until 1978.

From 1978 to 1983, Mr. Al-Masri served as Syrian Charge d'affaires in Santiago.

Born in Damascus in 1932, Mr. Al-Masri has two children.

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