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WILLIBALD PAHR (AUSTRIA) PRESIDENT FOR CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA

Willibald Pahr, who was elected President of the International Conference on Kampuchea yesterday, 13 July, is Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria.

Born in Vienna on 5 June 1930, Mr. Pahr was graduated from the University of Vienna in 1953 with a Doctorate in Law. He also holds a Diploma of the European College, Bruges, Belgium.

He was an assistant professor at the Institute of International Law and International Relations at the University of Vienna before entering the Constitutional Service of the Federal Chancellery (the legal service of the Austrian Federal Government) in 1955. In 1968 he became head of the International Department of the Constitutional Service. He was named Director-General of the Constitutional Service in 1973. In 1976 he was named to his current ministerial position.

Since 1976 Mr. Pahr has led the Austrian delegation to several sessions of the General Assembly. In addition, he was elected Rapporteur of the United Nations meeting on human rights in Warsaw in 1967. In 1968 he served as Rapporteur of the International Conference on Human Rights in Teheran.

During the years 1973 to 1974 he was President of the Expert Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe, of which he has been a member since its foundation. He also was a member of the European Committee for Legal Co-operation of the Council of Europe and member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Pahr is also Vice-President of the International Institute of Human Rights.

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