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DRAGAN MATELJAK (YUGOSLAVIA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dragan Mateljak, who was elected the new Chairman of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Saturday, 13 June, is the Counsellor in charge of social and humanitarian affairs at the Yugoslav mission to the United Nations.

Mr. Mateljak, who will preside over the UNICEF Executive Board from 1 August 1981 to 31 July 1982, has attended UNICEF Executive Board sessions since 1978. He was Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board's Programme Committee during 1979 and 1980, and became Chairman of the Programme Committee in 1981. He also served as Rapporteur of the last session of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy, which was held in 1981.

Born in 1929, as a young boy Mr. Mateljak took an active part in the Yugoslav partisan movement for the liberation of Yugoslavia during the Second World War. He graduated from Belgrade University and finished post-graduate studies in international political and economic relations at Belgrade University.

After joining the Yugoslav diplomatic service in 1958, Mr. Mateljak served in Yugoslav diplomatic missions in India from 1959 to 1964, in Nigeria from 1965 to 1968 and in Kenya from 1970 to 1973.

During 1974 and 1975, he was a member of the Yugoslav delegation to the European Conference on Security and Co-operation in Geneva.

Mr. Mateljak has served in his post of Counsellor in charge of social and humanitarian affairs since 1977.

He is married and has one child.

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