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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

Dia Allah El-Fattal, the new Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Before coming to the United Nations, Mr. El-Fattal was, from 1975, his country's Ambassador to the Holy See and the Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

From 1972 to 1974, he served as Director of the Department of International Organisations and Conferences in Damascus.

Mr. El-Fattal was Counsellor at the Syrian Mission to the United Nations in New York from 1967 to 1972, after serving as the Charge d'Affaires of the Syrian Embassy in Washington, D.C. from 1965. He was at the Embassy in Washington from 1962, first as Second Secretary and then as First Secretary.

From 1952 to 1957, Mr. El-Fattal served at the Syrian Legation to the Holy See in Rome, and from 1958 to 1961 he was Second Secretary at the United Arab Republic Embassy in Addis Ababa.

Born in 1927, Mr. El-Fattal received his "licence en droit" from Syrian University, Damascus in 1951. He also has a Masters degree from the School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C.

He is married and has two children.

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