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PAUL J.F. LUSAKA (ZAMBIA) BECOMES PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Paul J.F. Lusaka (Zambia), who was this afternoon elected President of the Economic and Social Council, has been his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations since 1979.

From 1978 to 1980, Mr. Lusaka also served as President of the United Nations Council for Namibia and in 1979 and 1980 as Zambia's chief delegate on the Security Council. In 1980, he became first Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council.

Born at Moomba Village near Lusaka, Zambia, on 10 January 1935, Mr. Lusaka received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and geography (1959) at Roma University, Lesotho. He received a Master's degree in political geography from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1963.

Mr. Lusaka received foreign service training in 1964 through attachment to the Canadian Mission to the United Nations and later at the Canadian Ministry of External Affairs. He was then appointed Second Secretary at the Zambian High Commission in London, where he served in 1964 and 1965 and where he acted for a period as First Secretary. He became Deputy High Commissioner at the same mission, serving in that capacity from 1965 to 1968.

From June 1968 to February 1972, he served as Ambassador to the Soviet Union. In that post he also served as Ambassador to Romania and Yugoslavia on a non-resident basis.

Mr. Lusaka first served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1972-1973, during which time he also was appointed High Commissioner to Canada, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados, as well as Ambassador to Cuba on a non-residential basis.

During the years 1973 to 1978, he was nominated as Member of Parliament and served at different periods as Minister of Rural Development; Minister of Power, Transport and Communications; and Minister of Health.

Mr. Lusaka is married and has four children.

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