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ENRIQUE IGLESIAS (URUGUAY) BECOMES SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

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Enrique V. Iglesias (Uruguay), who was appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on 2 January, assumed the position on 1 February.

(The Conference is to be held from 10 to 21 August 1981.)

Mr. Iglesias is at present Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), a post he has held since 1972, first with the rank of Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and later as Under-Secretary-General.

Born in Uruguay on 26 March 1930, he was graduated in 1953 from the Economic Sciences Faculty, University of Uruguay. Later he undertook specialized studies in economics and finance in the United States and France.

Between 1961 and 1965, as the Technical Director of the National Planning Office of Uruguay, Mr. Iglesias was responsible for formulating and implementing Uruguay's first national plan for economic and social development. From 1967 to 1969, as president of the Central Bank of Uruguay, he represented his Government at the head of a number of national and international missions. During the years 1964 to 1967, he was the Uruguayan delegate to the Conference of the Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA) and to the sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) and to the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (CIAP).

In the academic sphere, Mr. Iglesias has held the Chair of Economic Development at the University of Montevideo and has also been Director of its Institute of Economics. He has been a member of the Governing Board of the Latin American Council for the Social Sciences (CLACSO) and participated in a number of training courses organized by CEPAL, the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL) and the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES). Since 1965 he was a member of the

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Governing Council of ILPES and from 1967 until 1972, he acted as president of the Council. Mr. Iglesias was Acting Director of ILPES in 1977 and 1978.

In 1968, he directed the work of a group of experts who worked with Dr. Raul Prebisch on preparing a comprehensive study on the economic situation of Latin America, under the auspices of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). In 1970, he led a mission to provide advisory services on planning to the Central Office for Planning and Co-ordination (CORDIPLAN) of the Government of Venezuela.

In the international sphere, Mr. Iglesias has been a member of the CIAP Expert Advisory Panel and was the principal adviser to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm in June 1972. In this task, he co-operated with Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the Conference, regarding the participation of the Latin American countries and on matters relating to the environment and development.

Mr. Iglesias has written a number of articles and essays on economic matters relating to Latin America and Uruguay, on such issues as the capital market; the exchange system in Uruguay; the scale and nature of the problem of external financing; the struggle for multilateralism; Inter-American Development Bank policies for the 1970s; and Uruguay, a proposal for change, among others.

In 1973, together with other social scientists of the developing world, Mr. Iglesias founded the Third World Forum and served as its president from 1973 to 1976. He is also a member of the Governing Council of the Society for International Development.

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