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IVAN GARVALOV (BULGARIA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THIRD COMMITTEE

Ivan Garvalov of Bulgaria, who was elected today as Chairman of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural), has been his country's representative to the Third Committee since 1977, and was Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights in 1979.

He has been the Bulgarian representative to the Commission on Human Rights since 1978.

Mr. Garvalov, who was born in Sofia on 17 November 1930, is Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Head of the United Nations and Disarmament Affairs Department of the Bulgarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

He was graduated from the University of Sofia, Faculty of Philosophy and History, in 1953.

In 1956, he joined the Bulgarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and subsequently served in the Bulgarian embassies in New Delhi, India; Djakarta, Indonesia; and Cairo, Egypt; and also in the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York.

He has been a member of the Bulgarian delegation to all regular sessions of the General Assembly from 1971 through 1979. Since 1971, he has also been his country's representative to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

In 1973, at the Assembly's twenty-eighth session, he served as Rapporteur of the Assembly's Fourth Committee, which deals with decolonization.

He is married and has one daughter.

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