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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Pal Racz, the new Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, presented his credentials on Monday (25 August) to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr. Racz served most recently as a Member of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party from 1976 to 1980. During that period, he also served as State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Hungary.

He was born in 1928. A graduate of the College of International Affairs in Budapest, he entered the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1948.

From 1950 to 1955, Mr. Racz served as a diplomat in Bern, Switzerland, and later in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. In 1956, he was appointed a member of the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in New York, where he served until 1957. From 1957 to 1960, he was Counsellor of the Hungarian Embassy in Paris.

Returning to Budapest in 1960, he served as Head of Department in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs until 1963, and then as Hungary's Ambassador to Egypt with accreditation to Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya and Yemen, a post held until 1968.

Mr. Racz is married.

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