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THELMA O'CON-SOLORZANO APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION CENTRE
IN BUENOS AIRES

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Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has appointed Thelma O'Con-Solorzano as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Buenos Aires. She will succeed Vincent Piola, former Director of the Centre who has been reassigned to another post in the Secretariat.

Prior to this appointment, Miss O'Con-Solorzano was a Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs at Headquarters. She had held this function since June 1977 after completing her previous assignment as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in San Salvador, from June 1976 to May 1977.

From August 1974 to June 1976 she served as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Bogota. Before then, she served as an Information Officer in the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the External Relations Division, the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Miss O'Con-Solorzano joined the Secretariat in September 1968 to work initially as a Protocol and Liaison Officer in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. She worked in this capacity until 1974 during which she was responsible for providing services to 42 Member States including all Latin American countries.

Before joining the United Nations, she served with the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations. In 1967, she was a member of the Nicaraguan delegation to the fifth special session of the General Assembly as well as of its fifth emergency session. She worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Managua from 1963 to 1964.

A national of Nicaragua, Miss O'Con-Solorzano was born in Managua in 1942.

She received her B.A. degree in diplomatic science from the Women's University of Mexico in 1961 after which she did postgraduate studies at El Colegio de Mexico. In 1963, she attended the Graduate School of Public and

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International Affairs, University of Pittsburg, United States, and from 1964 to 1966, the Institute of Political Sciences and the Institute of International and Contemporary Relations, Paris, France.

She was a United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Adlai E. Stevenson fellow from 1967 to 1968. In 1980, she received a M.A. degree in Latin American and Caribbean studies from New York University.

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