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### GERD MERREM APPOINTED UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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Bradford Morse, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has appointed Gerd Merrem, a national of the Federal Republic of Germany, as the UNDP Resident Representative in Equatorial Guinea. He succeeds Jean Labbens, who has been reassigned to Zaire.

Mr. Merrem, who joined UNDP in 1973, has been the Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1973.

Born in 1938, Mr. Merrem received a B.Sc. degree from the Faculty of Mining and Oil Engineering of the Technical University of Clausthal in 1961; an M.Sc. degree from the Faculty of Mining and Oil Engineering of the Technical University of Berlin in 1963; and pursued studies in sociology, history and journalism at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Free University of Berlin from 1963-1966.

Prior to joining UNDP, Mr. Merrem served as a member of the Scientific Staff of the Institute for Applied Social Science (INFAS), in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany. From 1967 to 1973, he served with the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (West German Development Aid Organization) as head of the East Africa Division, Project Department in Bonn, April-September 1967; Resident Director of the Technical Assistance Volunteer Programme in Zambia, 1967-1969; and Resident Director of the Technical Assistance Volunteer Programme in Bolivia and Jamaica, 1970-1973.

With UNDP, Mr. Merrem held the posts of Assistant Resident Representative in Jayapura, Irian Jaya (Indonesia) from 1973-1975; and Assistant Resident Representative in New Delhi, India from 1975-1978.

Mr. Merrem is expected to take up his duties in Malabo at the end of July 1980. In Equatorial Guinea, he will be responsible for monitoring UNDP's participation in the country's economic and social development activities. The UNDP has allocated \$4 million for these activities for the period 1977-1981.

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