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### NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SUDAN PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Sayed Abdel Rahman Abdalla, new Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr. Abdalla was most recently Deputy-Director and Officer in Charge of the Division of Developmental Administration of the United Nations' Department of Technical Co-operation in New York. He has also served the United Nations as Project Manager for the National Institute of Public Administration in Libya and, in 1965, as Director of the United Nations Africa Training and Research Centre Administration for Development in Tangier, Morocco.

Mr. Abdalla, who was born in Abu Hamad, the Sudan in 1933, graduated from Khartoum University College in 1954. He continued there at that school's Graduate School of Administration and in 1960 also received a masters degree in public administration from New York University.

Mr. Abdalla joined his Government's service in 1954, serving from that year until 1963 as an administrator in eastern, southern and central Sudan. In 1963, he became the Director of the Sudan Institute of Public Service, a post which he held until 1965.

In 1971, Mr. Abdalla was named Deputy Minister of Local Government, and in the same year became Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reform a post which he held until 1977, when he became Minister of Industry. In 1978, he became Minister of Transport, and in the same year also became Assistant Secretary-General of the Sudan Socialist Union, a position he held until 1979. Mr. Abdalla had become a Member of the Central Committee of the Sudan Socialist Union in 1971 and had served as a member of its Political Bureau from 1971 until 1978.

Mr. Abdalla has also served as the Chairman of the Sudan Public Service Council and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kenana Sugar Project. He has also been a member of his country's Supreme Judicial Council and of its Commission of Resettlement of the population of areas submerged by the Aswan High Dam.

Mr. Abdalla is married.

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