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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HAITI PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Jean Coradin, new Permanent Representative of Haiti, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr. Coradin was most recently Ambassador of Haiti to Brazil, a post to which he was appointed in 1977. He also served as Ambassador to Liberia, a post to which he was appointed in 1974; and as Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations, where he was appointed in 1971.

Born on 15 September 1916, Mr. Coradin is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Haiti. From 1939 to 1940, he was professor of Latin and Greek at the Simon Bolivar College in Port-au-Prince. He was also professor of Spanish at the same school from 1940-1945. From 1945 to 1946, he was professor of social sciences at the Lycée Alexandre Petion in Port-au-Prince.

In the field of journalism, Mr. Coradin was co-managing editor and publisher of "La tribune des Jeunes" (1938); in charge of the literary page of "Le Nouvelliste" (1942); reporter of the newspaper "Le Soir" (1943); and co-managing editor and publisher of the weekly magazine "L'Intransigeant".

He began his career in the Haitian Foreign Service in 1946, serving as Consul General at Camaguey and Santa Clara, in Cuba. He was appointed as First Secretary of the Embassy in Quito, Ecuador (1948); Counsellor of the Embassy and charge d'affaires ad hoc in Guatemala City, Guatemala (1949); Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Guatemala (1951) and Liberia (1953).

He served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Liberia, beginning in 1954; Lima, Peru, beginning in 1956; Havana, Cuba, beginning in 1958; Benin, then Dahomey, beginning in 1961; and the Ivory Coast, beginning in 1966.

He has served on numerous missions for his Government, including those to various international seminars concerning the media and cultural matters, among other things, and special ceremonies and observances.

In 1955, Mr. Coradin received the Grand' Croix de l'Ordre National Honneur et Merite of the Republic of Haiti. He is also a grand officer of the Order of the Star of Africa of Liberia (1956); of the "Orden del Sol" of Peru

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(1961); Commander of the National Order of the Republic of the Ivory Coast (1967); Commander of the National Order of the Republic of Dahomey (1966); and Commander of the Order of the African Redemption of Liberia (1977).

Mr. Coradin has also published articles and books, including a dramatic poem in four acts "Hidalgo ou la Grande Aventure", and a history of Benin, entitled "Le Dahomey dans l'histoire".

Mr. Coradin is married.

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