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Biographical Note



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ANTONIO MUINO APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF LISBON INFORMATION CENTRE

(The following is also being issued in Lisbon and Rio de Janeiro.)

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has appointed Antonio Muiño as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Lisbon. He succeeds Raul Trejos, Director of the Centre, who is being reassigned to another post in the United Nations Secretariat.

Mr. Muiño, a national of Spain, is moving to the Lisbon post from Brazil where, during the past seven years, he served as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Rio de Janeiro.

A life-long journalist with multi-media experience, Mr. Muiño is taking up his duties in Lisbon on or about 20 May 1980. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in August 1973 and was assigned, on 1 October 1973, as Centre Director in Río de Janeiro.

Before joining the United Nations, he was a correspondent of the United Press International (UPI) at United Nations Headquarters, from 1972 to 1973. His daily column on the United Nations -- "Esprit" -- was syndicated by UPI in all the Spanish-speaking countries.

From 1966 to 1971, Mr. Muiño was an editor for Latin American affairs at the UPI headquarters in New York. At the same time, he worked as a New York correspondent for El Universal of Venezuela, Primera Plana of Argentina, and the Asocación de Periódicos Independientes (API) of Mexico.

Mr. Muito came to work for UPI in 1962 and, until 1965, he served as Foreign News Editor of its Radio-Television Department for Argentina in Buenos Aires. During that time, he also worked as correspondent in Argentina for the Mexican newspaper El Universal while contributing articles to the Argentine daily La Nación and the weekly magazine Vea y Lea.

Prior to 1962, he was stationed in Paris for three years as the correspondent in France of El Nacional of Caracas, Venezuela. Later, he represented that newspaper in Rome. Returning to Caracas in 1960, Mr. Muiño served as Director of the Sunday magazine of El Nacional for two years.

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Mr. Muito began his international career in journalism in 1949 when he worked as a reporter for La Voz de Galicia, a newspaper published in La Coruña, Spain.

In 1950, he moved to Caracas to work for <u>C.A. Editora de El Nacional</u>, from 1950 to 1953, he was Chief of the art page of that newspaper. He also worked as Director of Cultural Programmes at the Venezuelan national networ Radio Continente.

Mr. Muiño was born in La Coruña in November 1930. He studied philosopand letters at the University of Santiago de Compostela. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Instituto Nacional de Ensenanza Media of I Coruña in 1947.

Mr. Muitto is married and has five children.

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