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M'HAMED ESSAAFI (TUNISIA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

M'Hamed Essaafi (Tunisia), who was elected this morning as Chairman of the Committee on Information, serves as his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Before coming to the United Nations, Mr. Essaafi served as Ambassador of Tunisia to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Community, a post he held from 1978.

From 1976 to 1978 and from 1969 to 1970, he was Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He served as Ambassador to Bonn from 1974 to 1976, Ambassador to Moscow from 1974 to 1976, and Ambassador to London from 1964 to 1969.

Mr. Essaafi was Minister Plenipotentiary and Chief of the American and International Conferences Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1962 to 1964, and Counsellor of the Embassy and Chief of the American Division at the same Ministry from 1960 to 1962.

Joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1956, he first served at the Tunisian Embassy in London and then as First Secretary at the Embassy in Washington, D.C. from 1957 to 1960.

Mr. Essaafi was born on 26 May 1930 in Kelibia. He has degrees in English Literature (1955) and Higher Studies (1956) from the Sorbonne University in Paris.

He is married and has two children.

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