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ESTELITO P. MENDOZA, PHILIPPINES SOLICITOR-GENERAL, IS CHAIRMAN
OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER COMMITTEE'S MANILA SESSION

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Estelito P. Mendoza, who on Monday, 27 January, was elected the Chairman of the fifth session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, meeting in Manila, is the Solicitor-General of the Philippines.

Serving in this post from 1972, Mr. Mendoza has also been a member of the Philippine Cabinet from 1975.

Born on 5 January 1930, in Bacolor, Philippines, Mr. Mendoza received Doctorates in Law from the Central Colleges of the Philippines (1975) and the Hanyang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1978). He received degrees from the College of Liberal Arts (1948), the College of Law (1952) of the University of the Philippines, and at the Harvard Law School, Harvard University, (1954).

Mr. Mendoza was also a practising lawyer (1952-1972).

He was a special adviser of the Philippines delegation to the thirtieth session of the General Assembly. In 1976, he was elected the Chairman of the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly.

In 1971-1973, he was a Vice-Chairman of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction.

In 1974-1978, he was a Vice-Chairman of his country's delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He was also his country's delegate to the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties (Vienna, 1968-1969).

Mr. Mendoza is a member of various juridical organizations in the Philippines as well as professional lecturer in law. He also is the author of a number of publications on legal matters.

Mr. Mendoza is married and has three daughters and two sons.

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