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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED KINGDOM PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

The new Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, Sir Anthony Parsons, presented his credentials to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today.

Sir Anthony has most recently served as Deputy to the Permanent Under-Secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, a post he held from January 1979. Prior to then, since 1974, he was his country's Ambassador to Iran.

Born in 1922, Sir Anthony was educated at Oxford University and served in the British Army from 1940 to 1954.

After serving as Assistant Military Attache at the British Embassy at Baghdad from 1952 to 1954, he joined the then Foreign Office and served at Ankara, Amman, Cairo, Khartoum and Bahrain, as well as in the Foreign Office.

He was Counsellor at the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in New York from 1969 to 1971, after which he was an Under-Secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1971 to 1974.

Sir Anthony is married and has four children.

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