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## NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Hammoud El-Choufi, the new Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, presented his credentials to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today. He was accompanied by the United Nations Chief of Protocol, Pedro de Churrua.

Mr. El-Choufi has held several diplomatic and political positions. He was Ambassador to Indonesia and India, and his most recent post was as Director of the American Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Born on 10 August 1935, Mr. El-Choufi received a degree in literature from the University of Damascus in 1959.

He was Secretary-General of the Syrian Baath Party from 1962 to 1964.

Mr. El-Choufi was his country's Ambassador to Indonesia from 1965 to 1970, and to India from 1970 to 1972. He was director of the American Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1972 to 1978.

He is married and has three children.

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