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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

The new Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, Mowaffak Allaf, presented his credentials to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today. He was accompanied by the United Nations Chief of Protocol, Sinan A. Korle.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Allaf served as Director of the International Organizations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Damascus. His most recent assignment outside his country was as Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations in Geneva, 1968-1974.

Mr. Allaf was born in Damascus on 17 May 1927. He was graduated in law from the Faculty of Law of the Syrian University in Damascus in 1949.

From 1950 to 1952, he assumed his first post as Commercial Attaché in the Syrian Embassies in Egypt and Saudi Arabia. In 1954, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then served in various diplomatic posts in the Syrian Embassies and Missions in the Soviet Union, Cyprus and Turkey.

From December 1957 to December 1959, he was a member of the Permanent Mission of Syria and the United Arab Republic to the United Nations in New York and participated in the regular General Assembly sessions in 1958 and 1959.

Between his diplomatic various posts, Mr. Allaf held different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He represented his country in various United Nations specialized agencies and in bodies such as the Governing Body of the International Labour Office from 1969 to 1972. He participated in various United Nations Conferences, as well as other Conferences and most recently the Islamic Conference held in Jeddah in July 1974, and the Conference of Non-aligned Countries, held in Lima in August 1975.

Mr. Allaf has also represented his country at meetings on legal matters, such as those of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression, the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, and similar committees.

He headed the Syrian delegation to the seventh special session of the General Assembly and is Deputy Chairman of the Syrian delegation to the current thirtieth session of the Assembly.

Mr. Allaf is married and has three children.