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SALIM A. K. SALEEM APPOINTED DIRECTOR  
OF UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE IN NAIROBI

(The following is being released in Nairobi, Beirut and New York)

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has appointed Salim A. K. Saleem as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Nairobi.

Mr. Saleem, a national of Iraq, was born in Mosul on 29 August 1925 and received his earlier education in Iraq. He attended the Teachers Training College, Baghdad, from 1942 to 1944 and later studied in Lebanon at the American University of Beirut, obtaining a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati in 1951 and a Ph.D. degree in Political Science and Labour Relations from the University of Southern California in 1958.

From 1959 to 1968, Mr. Saleem was a member of the Iraq diplomatic service. During this period, he served in Belgium for four years and as Counsellor with the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations for the following five years. In 1969, he was elected a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations and served in this capacity until July 1971 when he joined the staff of the United Nations Secretariat.

Mr. Saleem was appointed as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Beirut in September 1971 and, at the time of his reassignment to Nairobi, he was serving in a dual capacity as Director of the Beirut Information Centre and Chief of the Information Service of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) in Beirut.

Mr. Saleem will take up his assignment in Nairobi at the beginning of August 1974.

Mr. Saleem is married and has two children.

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Note: A photograph of Mr. Saleem is available at the Photo Distribution Unit, Room 989.