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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Manuel Felix Maurtua, the new Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, this morning presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, U Thant. He was accompanied by Mohamed Tabiti, acting Chief of Protocol for the United Nations.

Mr. Maurtua is an attorney and a career diplomat who has held a number of posts in the Peruvian Foreign Office, most recently as head of the Department of International Organizations and prior to that as a senior member of the Political Department.

Born in Lima on 20 February 1910, Mr. Maurtua was Professor of Contemporary International History at the University of San Marcos, Lima, from 1945 to 1948; Professor of International Public Law at San Marcos, 1947, and Professor of International Organizations at the War College for Advanced Military Studies and the Aviation College of Peru, Lima.

He has represented Peru at a number of Latin American meetings and conferences, including the third meeting of Latin American Foreign Ministers, Rio de Janeiro, 1941, the Meeting on Maintenance of Peace of the Continent, Rio de Janeiro, 1947; the Ninth Inter-American Conference of American States, Bogotá, 1948, which adopted the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS); the first, second and third special inter-American conferences which drafted reforms to the OAS Charter; the first and fifth sessions of the Inter-American Council of Jurists, Rio de Janeiro, 1950, and San Salvador, 1955; and the ninth and tenth Meetings of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Washington, D.C., 1964 and 1965.

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He has been a member of the Commission of South Pacific Countries and of a Peruvian group charged with special studies on the fisheries of the three countries making up the Commission ---Chile, Ecuador and Peru.

Mr. Maurtua has also represented Peru on a number of United Nations bodies and conferences, among them the following: each session of the General Assembly from the third 1948-1949 to the seventeenth (1962); Commission on International Criminal Jurisdiction, 1953; United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Stateless Persons, 1954; Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression, 1956; United Nations Conference on International Commercial Arbitration, 1958; United Nations Conference on the Elimination or Reduction of Future Statelessness, 1959; United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; and third session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, 1968.

He was Minister on the Peruvian Mission to the United Nations from 1953 to 1961.

He was also legal adviser to the Peruvian delegation to the 1956 Conference on the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and member of the Preparatory Commission for the Agency.

Mr. Maurtua is a member of the Bar Association of Lima, the Peruvian Society for International Law, the American Juridical Institute and the Geographical Society of Lima, and a former member of the Council of the International Bar Association.

Mr. Maurtua is married.

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