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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Abdulaziz A. Al-Futaih, the new Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations, this morning presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, U Thant. He was accompanied by Pierre de Meulemeester, United Nations Chief of Protocol.

Mr. Al-Futaih was born on 2 February 1936, at Kadas, Hugariah, Yemen. He studied at Ain Shams University in Cairo, and he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics from Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, and a Bachelor of Science in geology from the University of Nevada in Reno. He did graduate work towards a Master of Science Degree at the Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada.

Following his formal education, he served as field geologist, surveyor and environmental engineer with several firms in Nevada and California. In 1963 and 1964, he worked in the Head Office for Technical Aid to the Yemen Arab Republic at San'a. Also in 1964, he attended a training course in the earth sciences in the United Arab Republic and a surface hydrology seminar in Tunisia, both co-sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Mr. Al-Futaih was appointed his country's Deputy Minister of Public Works and Head of the Department of Mineral Resources in March 1964, serving in this capacity until May 1965. In June 1965, he became a member of the High Economic Council, an organ of the Yemen Council of Ministers, on which he served until October 1965.

From October 1965 to September 1966, he was general director of water projects and head of the Department of Mineral Resources. He then became Minister of Agriculture from September to December 1966, immediately prior to his appointment to the United Nations.