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LEILA H. DOSS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today announced the appointment of Leila H. Doss as Assistant Secretary-General for Personnel Services. She succeeds James O.C. Jonah, who has been appointed Assistant Secretary-General for Field Operational and External Support Activities.

Miss Doss has been Director of the Division of Economic and Social Information (DESI) in the Department of Public Information (DPI), which she joined in January 1980. For the last four years she has served on the Appointment and Promotion Board. In 1979 and 1980 she was Vice-Chairman of the Board, and in 1981 served as Acting Chairman. She has also been involved in United Nations staff activities at a number of duty stations.

As Director of DESI in DPI, Miss Doss was responsible for the information programmes on all United Nations activities in the economic and social fields, including the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, the International Year of Disabled Persons, the Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, the Conference on the Least Developed Countries and preparations for the World Assembly on Aging and International Youth Year.

As Director of DESI, Miss Doss was also Secretary of the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC), the body responsible for interagency co-ordination in the field of public information.

From 1977 to 1979 Miss Doss was seconded to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) as Chief of Information Services for the International Year of the Child (1979).

When the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) was established, she went to Vienna in 1968 to set up and head UNIDO's Information Service. From 1972 to 1976, she served concurrently as Director of the United Nations Information Service in Vienna.

Miss Doss joined the United Nations at its temporary headquarters at Lake Success, and from 1948 to 1968 served in various capacities in New York, Geneva, Cairo, Bangkok and Rangoon.

After graduating in social science from the American University in Cairo, Miss Doss joined the Egyptian State Radio in 1943 as the first Egyptian women broadcaster and programme manager.

Miss Doss was born in Assiout, Egypt, in 1921.