



Biographical Note

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J. RICHARD FORAN APPOINTED UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today announced his decision to appoint J. Richard Foran as Assistant Secretary-General for Financial Services. Mr. Foran, who will succeed Patricio Ruedas, is expected to take up his new assignment around 1 September 1982.

A national of Canada, Mr. Foran has been serving as Secretary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Director of the Division for Programme Support since 1981.

He joined UNCTAD in 1977 as Chief of the Office of Administration, becoming Chief of Administrative Services shortly thereafter. In 1973 he served as Executive Officer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in New York and was subsequently posted in Nairobi, Kenya as Chief of the Division of Administration, UNEP. He was appointed Deputy Executive Officer in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 1970 and became Acting Executive Officer in 1971. From 1968 to 1970, Mr. Foran served with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna, prior to which he served in the Secretariat Recruitment Services, Office of Personnel Services in 1965.

Mr. Foran entered the United Nations in 1961 as Deputy Director of Liaison of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), New York, and remained in service until 1964 when he left the United Nations briefly to take up an assignment as Director of Development at the American University of Beirut.

From 1953 to 1956, Mr. Foran served in his country as Programme Director of the Society for Crippled Children in Toronto, later becoming Assistant to the National Executive Director of the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults, Toronto, in 1957.

Mr. Foran has degrees in economics, English and psychology.

He was born in Ottawa, Canada on 21 January 1934.

Mr. Foran is married and has two daughters.

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