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MOWAFFAK ALLAF, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNITED NATIONS  
OFFICE AT GENEVA, PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL

(The following release is being issued in Geneva and New York.)

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today announced the promotion of Mowaffak Allaf, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, to the Assistant Secretary-General level, with effect from 1 January 1980.

Mr. Allaf was appointed to his present post in March 1978. He served as Syria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from 1975 to 1978, and in Geneva from 1968 to 1974. During the intervening period, he was Director-General of the International Organizations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Damascus.

Mr. Allaf joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his country in 1954 and held various diplomatic posts abroad, including positions in the Soviet Union, Cyprus and Turkey.

Mr. Allaf graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Syrian University in Damascus in 1949. He was born in Damascus on 17 May 1927.

He is married and has three children.

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