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NAFIS SADIK, POPULATION FUND OFFICIAL, GAINS ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL RANK

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has approved the promotion of Nafis Sadik to the rank of Assistant Secretary-General with effect from 1 January 1982. Dr. Sadik is the Assistant Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). She joined the Fund on 16 October 1972.

A national of Pakistan, Dr. Sadik was born in Janupar on 18 August 1929. Educated at Loreto College, Calcutta, she received a doctor of medicine degree from Dow Medical College in Karachi and served her internship in gynaecology and obstetrics at City Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in the United States. She completed further studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and held the post of Research Fellow in physiology at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, in Canada.

From 1954 to 1963, Dr. Sadik was Civilian Medical Officer in Pakistan and in 1964 she was appointed Deputy Chief Head of the Health Section of the Pakistani Government's Planning Commission, with responsibility for health and family-planning programmes. In 1966, Dr. Sadik became Director of Planning and Training of the Pakistan Central Family Planning Council, the government agency charged with carrying out the national family-planning programme. She was appointed Deputy Director-General in 1968 and Director-General in 1970.

Nafis Sadik is on the Governing Council of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; member of the Association of Pakistani Physicians in the United States; and member of the Population Advisory Panel of the Technology Assessment Board of the United States Congress Office of Technology Assessment. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of "International Family Planning Perspectives", a publication of the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Dr. Sadik has written numerous articles for publications in the family-planning and health fields. She was the first woman recipient of the Hugh Moore Memorial Award in 1976, named after a pioneer in the United States credited with calling attention to the world population crisis. She was cited for her leadership in the family-planning field as well as for her leadership in encouraging other women to find careers in the field of population.

Dr. Sadik is married to Azhar Sadik, a businessman, and they have three children and two adopted children.