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### MOWAFFAK ALLAF APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UN OFFICE AT VIENNA

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced today the appointment of Mowaffak Allaf as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Mr. Allaf, who has been Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva since 1978, will assume his new functions as soon as the necessary organizational arrangements are completed.

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

In 1949 he graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Syrian University in Damascus.

He was born on 17 May 1927 in Damascus.

He is married and has three children.

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