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KURT HERNDL APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION, GENEVA

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today announced the appointment of Kurt Herndl as Director of the Division of Human Rights, Geneva. Mr. Herndl, a national of Austria, will succeed Theodoor van Boven on his departure.

Mr. Herndl, who holds the rank of Ambassador, has been the head of the International Law Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his country since 1977.

Mr. Herndl served in the United Nations Secretariat for eight years.

From 1975 to 1977 Mr. Herndl was Deputy Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General and Director of his Executive Office. From 1973 to 1975 he was Director of the Security Council and Political Committees Division of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, having joined that Division in 1969 as Principal Officer.

Mr. Herndl served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva from 1965 to 1969, having joined the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of his country in 1962. Prior to that he was Assistant Lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Innsbruck, Austria.

Mr. Herndl has written various articles on selected problems of international law as well as book reviews.

He obtained a Doctor of Laws degree in international law and economics from the University of Innsbruck in 1956.

Mr. Herndl was born in Villach, Austria, on 8 November 1932. He is married.

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