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Biographical Note

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VAHAP ASIROGLU

Vahap Asiroglu (Turkey), who was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly, has been Ambassador of Turkey to Denmark since 1965.

As a member of the Turkish delegation, he has attended all the sessions of the General Assembly since 1953. He was Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations from 1962 to 1965.

Born in Karamürsel, Turkey, in 1916, Mr. Asiroglu graduated from the Galatasaray Lycée and the Faculty of Law of the University of Istanbul.

He joined the diplomatic service of his country in 1943, serving in the Second Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as First Secretary at the Turkish Embassy in Czechoslovakia, and in the Economic Department of the Ministry.

In 1953, Mr. Asiroglu was assigned as Head of Chancery and Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations.

In 1959, he became Deputy Director-General of the Third Department of the Foreign Ministry, which deals with United Nations affairs. Later, he was appointed Director-General of the Administrative and Personnel Department. In 1961, he became Director-General of the Third Department.

Besides serving as Deputy Permanent Representative and member of the Turkish delegation to sessions of the General Assembly, Mr. Asiroglu was the Chairman and a member of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine (1962-1965) and representative of Turkey to the Vienna Conference on Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities, held in 1961.

He is married and has one child.