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EDWARD OLU SANU ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE
(ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY)

Edward Olu Sanu, who was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), has been the Ambassador of Nigeria to Ethiopia since 1968.

He was born in the Western Region of Nigeria on 24 March 1930. He attended Ibadan Grammar School and Howard University, Washington D.C., where he obtained the B.A. degree (in Economics) in 1953. In 1956, he obtained M.A. degrees in Economics and in Public Administration from Harvard University.

In 1957, Mr. Sanu joined the Public Service in Western Nigeria, but, in 1958, he transferred to the Foreign Service and was assigned to the Nigerian Embassy in Washington D.C. as First Secretary in charge of economics and finance, and as Head of Chancery. In 1961, he became Head of the Economic and Technical Assistance Branch of the International Division of the Ministry of External Affairs of Nigeria.

From 1962 to 1965, he was Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations. From 1965 to 1966, he was Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos. In 1967 and 1968, he served as Permanent Under-Secretary, Cabinet Office, Lagos. Since 1968, he has been the Ambassador of Nigeria to Ethiopia.

Mr. Sanu has been a member of the Nigerian delegation to the General Assembly since the sixteenth session. He is a member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), to which he was first elected in December 1961. He was re-elected to the ACABQ in 1965 and 1968.

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He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and of the Advisory Committee on Finance of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Mr. Sanu is married and has four children.

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