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Biographical Note

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COSTA P. CARANICAS OF GREECE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Costa P. Caranicas, who was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly, is the Ambassador for economic affairs at the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. and is Greece's Ambassador at large for economic affairs.

He was born in Athens and holds a degree in law from the University of Athens. He is also a graduate of the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques, Paris, and obtained his doctorate from Sorbonne, Paris.

He served as Professor of Geoeconomy and Geopolitics at the Athens Graduate School of Economic and Business Sciences from 1943 to 1949.

He has also held the following positions: Economic Analyst, National Bank of Greece; Secretary-General of the Ministry of National Economy of Greece; Secretary-General of the Ministry of Agriculture; Director of the Secretariat and Secretary of the Executive Board, National Bank of Greece; and Economic Adviser, Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations.

He was the representative of Greece to the International Emergency Food Council, the International Wheat Council, the United Nations Technical Assistance Committee, the Commission for International Commodity Trade (of which he was Chairman in 1958-1960), the Committee on Surpluses of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Cotton Advisory Committee (of which he was Chairman in 1963-1964), the United Nations Economic and Social Council (of which he was Vice-President, Chairman of its Economic Committee in 1958 and of its Co-ordination Committee in 1966), the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, and to various international economic conferences in Amsterdam, Bangalore, Belgrade, Bucharest, Frankfurt, Geneva, Istanbul, Lima, London, Mexico City, New Delhi, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo, Vienna and Washington, D.C.

He served as Alternate Executive Director for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 1952 to 1968.

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