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Biographical Note

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CHRISTOPHER R. THOMAS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) ELECTED CHAIRMAN
OF FIFTH COMMITTEE (ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY)

Christopher R. Thomas, who was elected today as Chairman of the General Assembly's Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), is Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations.

Born in Trinidad on 10 May 1939, Mr. Thomas received a Bachelor of Arts degree in modern languages from the University of London, a diploma in education from the University of the West Indies, a Master of Arts degree in political science from the University of Bristol, England, and a Master of Arts degree in international politics from New York University.

After serving from 1961 to 1964 as a graduate language teacher in Trinidad, he joined the Foreign Service of Trinidad and Tobago in 1967. In the following year, he was assigned to his Government's Embassy in Caracas as Second Secretary, and he became First Secretary in 1969.

Mr. Thomas came to New York in 1972 as representative of Trinidad and Tobago on the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly, and in 1973 he joined his country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations as Counsellor. He represented his country on the Fifth Committee in 1973 and 1974, and in February 1975 he was elected Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.

He was also a member of his country's delegation in 1973 to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, and to the sessions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Caracas, June/August 1974, and at Geneva, March/May 1975.

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