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Biographical Note

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ALI SUNNI MUNTASSER (LIBYA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Ali Sunni Muntasser (Libya), who was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), has been his country's Ambassador to Brazil since 1975. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Libyan delegation to the current session of the General Assembly, a position which he has held on four previous occasions — in 1970, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Born on 18 August 1930, Mr. Muntasser was appointed Private Secretary to the Minister of Justice in 1952. Entering the foreign service of his country in 1954, he served in various capacities in Libyan embassies in London, Rome and Cairo.

In 1962 Mr. Muntasser was appointed Libyan Chargé d'Affaires in Algeria. He subsequently became Ambassador to Yugoslavia, 1968, and Ambassador to Venezuela, 1971.

Mr. Muntasser has also held various positions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his country, including those of Head of the United Nations Section, 1958-1959; Assistant Director of Political Affairs, 1960-1962, and Director of Protocol, 1965-1968. He has, in addition, represented his country at many international meetings, including those of the Arab League, the Organization of African Unity, and the Conference of Non-Aligned Nations.

Mr. Muntasser is unmarried.

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