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ABDEL RAHMAN ABDALLA (SUDAN) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Abdel Rahman Abdalla, Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations since May 1980, was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary).

Until his appointment to the Sudan Mission, Mr. Abdalla served as Deputy-Director and Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Development Administration of the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in New York and as United Nations Project Manager for the National Institute of Public Administration in Libya. In 1965 he was Director of the United Nations Africa Training and Research Centre Administration for Development in Tangier, Morocco.

Born in 1933 in Abu Hamad, Mr. Abdalla graduated from Khartoum University College in 1954 with an arts degree and from the College's School of Administration in 1955. In 1960, he received a Master of Public Administration from New York University.

In 1954, Mr. Abdalla joined the Sudan Public Service, serving as Administrator in the eastern, southern and central Sudan until 1963 when he became Director of the Sudan Institute of Public Service, a position he held until 1965 when he joined the United Nations.

From 1971 until 1980, Mr. Abdalla held various ministerial posts in the Sudan. He became Deputy Minister of Local Government in 1971 and in the same year took up position as Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reform, a post he held until 1977 when he became Minister of Industry. He served as Minister of Transport during 1978.

Mr. Abdalla served in his ministerial capacity as a member of the Central Committee of the Sudan Socialist Union in 1971. From 1971 until 1977 he was a member of the Political Bureau of the Union and during the next two years served as the Union's Assistant Secretary-General.

In addition, Mr. Abdalla held several other positions while in the Cabinet. He was Chairman of the Sudan Public Service Council, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kenana Sugar Project, a member of the Supreme Judicial Council and a member of the Commission of Resettlement of Population of Areas Submerged by the Aswan High Dam.

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