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MICHAEL GEORGE OKEYO (KENYA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Michael George Okeyo, who today was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), has been his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations since 29 March.

Prior to that appointment, Mr. Okeyo had been head of the Middle East Division of his country's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in Nairobi, since 1985.

From 1974 to 1985, he was assigned to the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, initially as First Secretary and from 1980 as Counsellor. Among the posts held by Mr. Okeyo during that period were as Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, and Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

Mr. Okeyo served as Assistant Secretary in the Kenyan Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Nairobi in 1968 and at Kenya's embassy in Cairo as Second Secretary from 1969 to 1972.

In 1969, he received diplomatic training at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Upsala, Sweden.

In 1967 and 1968, Mr. Okeyo was an intern with the United Nations Development Programme in New York, and served as a management assistant with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.

Born in 1939 in Rusinga Island, Kenya, Mr. Okeyo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics, and a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration, from the University of California at Berkeley. He also holds a diploma in international relations from the University of Kenya.

Mr. Okeyo is married.

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