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### Biographical Note

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### AHMAD FATHI AL-MASRI ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri, the Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations since 1988, was today elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary).

Mr. Al-Masri has been active in the Organization since 1969. He was a member of the Syrian delegation to the General Assembly from 1983-1986, and from 1987-1988 served as his delegation's deputy head. Prior to those appointments, he was his country's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1982-1983 and Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative from 1969-1975. He served as a Vice-President of the General Assembly at its 1987 session.

Before his years of service in New York, Mr. Al-Masri worked in the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1958-1969, serving as Deputy Director of the Department of Asian Affairs, Department of Cultural Affairs and Western European Department. He first joined the diplomatic service in 1958 and served in Cairo, Baghdad, Cyprus and Chile.

Mr. Al-Masri was Director General of his Government's Department of International Organization and Conferences from 1983-1987 and participated in many meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Islamic Conference.

Mr. Al-Masri was Financial Inspector in the Ministry of Finance from 1957-1958 and an attorney-at-law from 1954-1957. He earned his law degree from Damascus University in 1954 with a specialization in public law.

Born in Damascus in 1932, Mr. Al-Masri is married and has two children.

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