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ALI SUNNI MUNTASSER OF LIBYA ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Ali Sunni Muntasser, who this afternoon was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), is Deputy Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations. He had previously served for 10 years as his country's Ambassador to Cuba.

Today's appointment marks the second time that Mr. Muntasser will chair the Committee, having served in that capacity during the 1976 session of the General Assembly. He was Chairman, in 1981, of the United Nations Advisory Committee on the International Year of Disabled Persons, and served as Vice-Chairman of Libya's delegation to seven Assembly sessions, beginning in 1970.

Mr. Muntasser served as the Director of the Institute of International Relations in Tripoli from 1982 to 1987. In addition, he has represented his country at many international meetings, including those of the Arab League, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, including the 1979 Havana Summit.

He served as Libya's Ambassador to Yugoslavia in 1968; Ambassador to Venezuela, Chile and Argentina between 1971 and 1976; and Ambassador to Brazil from 1976 to 1978. Between 1962 and 1965, he worked in various capacities in Libyan embassies in Algiers, Cairo and Rome. Earlier, from 1960 to 1962, he was Deputy Director of the Political Department in the Libyan Government. From 1955 to 1959, he was a Second Secretary at his country's embassy in London, serving, the following year, as its cultural attache there.

Born on 18 August 1930, Mr. Muntasser worked as a mathematics teacher in Tripoli from 1948 to 1952. In 1952, he was appointed Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, a post he held until 1954.

Mr. Muntasser is married and has four children.

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