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ADRIEN TEIRLINCK OF BELGIUM ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Adrien Teirlinck who was today elected Chairman of the General Assembly's Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), has served from 1981 as Chief Auditor of the Belgian Court of Auditors (which audits government activities for Parliament). In that capacity he was in charge of external audit of Government ministries and organizations, including the Ministries of Public Works, of Communications and Transport, of Public Education and of the Environment.

From 1974 to 1980 Mr. Teirlinck was an Auditor with the Court of Auditors, which he joined in 1961 as an Assistant Auditor.

Concurrently with his service to the Belgian Government, Mr. Teirlinck participated in meetings of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries at Nicosia in 1988 and at Harare in 1989; and in the meeting of Commonwealth Senior Officials, Seychelles, 1988. He was Director of the United Nations Audit Operations Committee in 1985.

As a delegate to the Court of Auditors (which is a member of the Board of Auditors of the United Nations) from 1979 to 1985, he participated in the following audits: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in New York, Indonesia and the Philippines; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL); United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO); Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO); United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP); United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in Vienna and Jerusalem; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in Baghdad; and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York and Argentina.

Mr. Teirlinck was born at Harelbeke, Belgium, in 1930. He is married and has four children.

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