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## ERICH VILCHEZ ASHER OF NICARAGUA ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

Erich Vilchez Asher, who was elected today as the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) has been Nicaragua's Permanent Representative to the United Nations since March 1994.

Before that, he served at various times as Deputy Permanent Representative and, earlier, as a Minister Counsellor and Counsellor in Nicaragua's Mission, as from 1988. Mr. Vilchez, who started his career in 1979 as a legal adviser to various private and State organizations, rose in 1985 to head the Department of International Economic Organizations and United Nations in Nicaragua's Foreign Ministry. He held that position until his transfer to his country's Mission to the United Nations.

During his career with the Ministry, he was a member of Nicaragua's delegations from the fortieth to the forty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly, and was a Vice-President of the forty-ninth session. In addition, he represented his country at the eighteenth Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly on the reactivation of the Economic Growth of Developing Countries.

Also, Mr. Vilchez was in his country's delegations to sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, meetings of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Economic and Social Council and the World Summit for Social Development, as well as meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The new Fifth Committee Chairman received a degree in Juridical and Social Sciences from the National Autonomos University of Nicaragua in 1979, and a year later, became a registered attorney at law and notary public of Nicaragua to the Supreme Court of Justice. From then until 1991, he also studied senior management, international law and contemporary American politics, the last at New York University, New York.

Born on 12 February 1956 in Managua, Mr. Vilchez is married.

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