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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Ilinome Frank Tarua, the new Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr. Tarua served most recently as Papua New Guinea's High Commissioner to New Zealand. He held that post from 1979 to 1980. Prior to that, from 1977 to 1979, he served in the Prime Minister's Department in Papua New Guinea, where on a number of occasions he acted as Head of the department.

He was born 23 September 1942, in Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea. After completing studies at the Kwato Primary School and Sogeri Secondary School, he enrolled at the University of Sydney, Australia, and later graduated from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1971. In 1973 he was fully admitted to the Supreme Court Bar of Papua New Guinea to practise law.

In 1972, Mr. Tarua was a Legal Officer in the Department of Law (Crown Prosecutor's Office) where he acted as an advisor on land matters. Later that year, he was seconded to the Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration. In 1973, he held the post of Senior Projects Officer for that department.

From 1974 to 1975, Mr. Tarua served as Advisor to the Chief Minister and Ministers as well as to politicians on proposals relating to the formulation of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea. Appointed Head of the Division of the Chief Minister and Development Administration responsible for Constitutional Development, he served in that post from 1975 to 1977.

Mr. Tarua is married and has two children.

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