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SECRETARY-GENERAL NAMES MARGARET J. ANSTEE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF VIENNA OFFICE,
AS COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CHERNOBYL

The Secretary-General has entrusted to Margaret J. Anstee, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and Head of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the responsibility for coordinating all activities related to the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 45/190 entitled "International cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant". This resolution invites the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, to formulate a programme for coordinating the activities to be carried out by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system involved in efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl; establish a task force responsible for stimulating and monitoring the activities of the United Nations system in this field; and appeal for voluntary contributions to complement the regular budgetary resources used by the United Nations organs and agencies for the implementation of activities aimed at mitigating the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl.

Miss Anstee, who has served as Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its predecessor organizations in a number of developing countries, as well as in senior positions at UNDP headquarters, was also Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General in charge of the United Nations Relief Operation in Bangladesh and Deputy Coordinator of the United Nations Emergency Assistance to Zambia, both functions undertaken in 1973. During her tenure as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development (DTCD), she was responsible for coordinating multilateral assistance to Mexico following the earthquake in 1985, and is now serving concurrently as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Bolivia, and for Peru, coordinating assistance to both countries with regard to their economic and social reconstruction programmes.

Miss Anstee has now established a core secretariat in her office, which is working full-time on activities relating to the aftermath of the Chernobyl accident.

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