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PETER HANSEN, OF DENMARK, APPOINTED UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali today appointed Peter Hansen as Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, effective 1 March.

Mr. Hansen, a national of Denmark, has been Executive Director of the Commission on Global Governance, Geneva, since 1992. From 1985 to 1992, he was the Executive Director of the then United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations. He was Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning and Coordination from 1978 to 1985. Previously, Mr. Hansen had been Professor of International Relations at Odense University, Denmark, and Chairman of the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University.

Since 1993, Mr. Hansen has been the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Ad hoc Liaison Committee established to follow up the Washington Conference in support of the Middle East peace process. He was team leader of the United Nations 1992 mission to Somalia, and from 1990 to 1992, was the Secretary-General's representative to the Food Aid and Policies Committee of the World Food Programme (WFP).

During his tenure with the United Nations, Mr. Hansen has served as Chairman of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) and of the Appointment and Promotion Board, as well as a member of the Programme Budgeting Board.

Mr. Hansen studied in Denmark and the United States. He completed his graduate and post-graduate work at Aarhus University in 1966.

Born in Denmark on 2 June 1941, Mr. Hansen is married and has three children.

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