THEODOOR C. VAN BOVEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION

(The following is being released in New York and the Hague.)

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has decided to appoint Theodcor C. Van Boven as Director of the Division of Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva. He will replace Marc Schreiber, who will retire on 31 March 1977.

A national of the Netherlands, Mr. Van Boven was born on 26 May 1934. He studied law at the University of Leyden and the Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Mr. Van Boven started his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands in 1960 and is now Head of the Division of Social and Legal Affairs. Since 1967 he has been a lecturer on human rights at the University of Amsterdam.

Between 1970 and 1975, Mr. Van Boven was the Netherlands representative to the Commission of Human Rights and since 1975 is a member of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Mr. Van Boven is married and has two children.

He will take up his duties on 1 May 1977.

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