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SUBJECT: Senior Staff Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Stephen Lewis as Deputy Executive Director (External Relations) in New York Headquarters. Mr. Lewis, a former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will take up the position on 25 October 1995.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lewis was the Special Representative of the UNICEF Executive Director since February 1990, acting as a spokesperson for UNICEF's advocacy for the rights and needs of children, especially children in developing countries. He has been a strong advocate for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 1993, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the U.N. Secretary-General, requested Mr. Lewis to join the U.N. Advisory Group on the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China, in September 1995. In 1994, Mr. Lewis became the UNICEF Co-ordinator for an international study on the impact of war on children.

In October 1984, Mr. Lewis was nominated as Ambassador of Canada to the United Nations. During the U.N. Special Session on Africa, Mr. Lewis chaired the Committee which drafted the five-year U.N. Programme on African Economic Recovery. In September 1986, the U.N. Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed Mr. Lewis as his Special Advisor on Africa to aid in "the mobilization of the international community".

In 1988, Mr. Lewis chaired the first International Conference on Climate Change which drafted the first comprehensive policy on global warming. Although Mr. Lewis had resigned from his post as Ambassador of Canada in July 1988, at the request of the U.N. Secretary-General he continued to act in a personal capacity as Special Advisor on Africa. This assignment was completed at the end of 1991.

Mr. Lewis began his long and distinguished career in 1963 when he was elected, and re-elected on four successive occasions, to the Ontario Legislature. In 1970, he became the provincial leader of the New Democratic Party, eventually heading the official opposition. Prior to his nomination as Ambassador of Canada to the United Nations in 1984, Mr. Lewis was a well-known radio and television commentator and a prominent labour relations arbitrator. Between 1988 and 1990, Mr. Lewis held the "Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitorship" in Canadian Culture at University College, University of Toronto. In May of 1992, in the wake of rioting in Los Angeles and subsequent rioting in Toronto, Mr. Lewis was appointed Special Advisor on Race Relations to the Premier of Ontario.

Mr. Lewis, a national of Canada, received his post-secondary education at the Universities of Toronto and British Columbia. Thereafter he spent two years teaching and travelling in Africa, specifically in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Uganda. Mr. Lewis has been the recipient of 14 honorary degrees from Canadian universities as well as special awards for his dedication and outstanding contribution in the fields of broadcasting and human rights.

Mr. Lewis will assume his new assignment as Deputy Executive Director (External Relations) on 25 October 1995.