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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO SECRETARY-GENERAL

Salim Ahmed Salim, the new Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, presented his credentials today to the Secretary-General, U Thant. He was accompanied by Mohammed Tabiti, Assistant Chief of Protocol.

Before assuming his present position, Mr. Salim was Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, as well as to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, from June to December 1969. Earlier, he served as Director of the African and Middle East Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from April 1968 to April 1969, High Commissioner to India from April 1965 to 1968, and Ambassador to the United Arab Republic from May 1964 to February 1965.

A representative of his Government at several sessions of the Assembly and at other conferences, Mr. Salim was Deputy Leader of the Tanzanian delegation to the second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), held in New Delhi in 1968, and Director-General of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of East and Central Africa, which took place in Dar es Salaam in January last year.

Educated at Lumumba College, Zanzibar, and the University of Delhi, Mr. Salim, who was born in Zanzibar in January 1942, served early in his political career as Secretary-General of the Youth Movement of Zanzibar and later as Deputy Chief Representative of the Zanzibar Office in Havana, Cuba.

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Subsequently, in June to December 1963, Mr. Salim was Publicity Secretary of the UMMA Party and Chief Editor of its organ, Sauti ya UMMA. He also served as Executive Secretary of the United Front of the Opposition Parties and Chief Editor of the Front's newspaper.

As Secretary-General of the All Zanzibar Journalists Organization, Mr. Salim attended the first Afro-Asian Journalists Conference in Indonesia in April 1963.

In the following year, he served as Deputy Leader of the Afro-Shirazi Party delegation to the meeting of the Afro-Asian Council, which was held in Algiers.

Mr. Salim is married and has two children.

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