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Munir Akram

H. E. Mr. Munir Akram is the 60th President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He is also Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York since May 21, 2002. He was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (1995-2002). H. E. Mr. Munir Akram was also ambassador of Pakistan to the European Community, Belgium, Luxembourg and Tokyo, and Counselor and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Pakistan, Geneva (1979-1982). H. E. Mr. Munir Akram was the Chairman of the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (1970), the Special Group on “Most Seriously Affected Countries by the Oil Crisis”, UN General Assembly’s Special Session on “Raw Materials and Development” (1974), the Chairman’s Group on Political Issues, International Women’s Conference, Nairobi (1985), Workshop on “Fissile Materials and Tritium” (1995). He also held positions as President of the Conference on Disarmament (June 1996), Chairman of the Trade Policy Review Body, Chairman of the Group of 77 in Geneva (1997), and Member of the UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters. H. E. Mr. Munir Akram has received a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Law from Karachi University.

John Logkat Shindai Alkali

John Logkat Shindai Alkali was born on 15th June 1952. He is the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development created by the Nigerian Government in 2003 as the public institution responsible for housing and urban development policies and programmes in the country.

With an educational background both in Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning, and as a seasoned administrator, Mr. Alkali is involved in public policy formulation, implementation and administration in the human settlements sector. He was involved in the development of Abuja, the new Federal Capital City of Nigeria in his capacity as the Director of Public Buildings, and later as the Executive Director of Works and Technical Services in charge of all the professional departments in the Federal Capital Development Authority. He was also instrumental in the review and adoption of the new national policies on Housing and Urban Development for Nigeria; and has been active in moving forward the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. He is currently involved in slum upgrading and community based urban development initiatives jointly being implemented with UN-HABITAT and the World Bank, including tackling issues of urban land management, infrastructure provision, promoting access to finance for housing ownership and poverty reduction.

Mr. Alkali has extensive experience on development issues and has participated at several national and international review sessions and conferences addressing sustainable development, including the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12). He is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners and has received numerous merit awards for his contributions to good urban governance and the improvement of the living environment of Nigerians.

Adnan Z. Amin

Adnan Z. Amin is the Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) office at United Nations Headquarters in New York responsible for policy coordination, inter agency coordination and collaboration with other United Nations entities, and outreach with civil society and the private sector in the field of the environment. He is a development economist specializing in environment and sustainable development and has been responsible progressively within UNEP for environmental institution building in developing countries, inter agency affairs and environmental policy in the intergovernmental bodies in the UN system. He played a key role in redefining UNEP's coordination role following the Earth Summit and played a lead role for UNEP in the reform of International Environmental Governance and preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in South Africa in 2002.

He is the Special Representative of the Executive Director at UN Headquarters and represents UNEP in the UN General Assembly and other bodies in New York. He has a detailed and comprehensive knowledge of environment and sustainable development policy issues and policy formulation processes within the UN.

He is a member of the UNEP Senior Management Group and a Trustee and member of the Board of Directors of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) in Cambridge, UK.

Sonia Tshorne Berestesky

H.E. Ms. Sonia Tschorne Berestesky is the Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Chile and an architect trained at the Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning of the University of Chile, with a Master's degree in urban and regional planning. She was the National Director at the Ministry of Public Works (1995-2000) in which she was responsible, among others, to preside the Infrastructure Programs for the Educational and Justice reform of Chile. She chaired the Commission Nemesio Antunez, an entity in-charge of the integration of the art in public infrastructures, buildings and public spaces. She was a member of the National Monument Council of Chile.

Author and coordinator of numerous publications of the Ministry of Public Works and the National Agency of Architecture. She directed and managed several studies on public buildings and construction and on urban and regional planning. In March 2000, she was appointed Under-Secretary of Housing and Urban Planning (Vice-Minister) by the President of the Republic, Mr. Ricardo Lagos Escobar. In this position she was responsible for the implementation of the modifications of the housing policy of Chile and to carry out the Urban Reform aimed at improving policies, plans and normative and management tools.

Currently, as a representative of the Government of Chile, she is responsible for the Technical Secretariat of MINURVI. Sonia Tschorne Berestesky received the award "Best Architect of Public Affairs from the Panamerican Federation of Architect Association (FAPA).

Patrizio Civili

Patrizio Civili is the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Civili joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1969 in the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs and Coordination. He used to serve as Director in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General overseeing economic and social affairs. He also served as Secretary of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) which, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General, comprises the executive heads of all specialized agencies, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and the heads of all United Nations programmes and funds.

Mr. Patrizio Civili, who was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship and a Johns Hopkins University Fellowship, holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Rome, where he specialized in comparative constitutional law. He also holds a Masters of Arts degree in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle. In addition, he has attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, Italy.

Richard Cook

In 2003, Richard Cook combined his established firm, Richard Cook & Associates, with Robert Fox to form Cook + Fox Architects, a firm devoted to creating environmentally responsible high performance buildings.

In addition to the Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park, Cook + Fox is entering the final design stages of a large preservation project in the South Street Seaport Historic District, which involves eleven existing buildings and the design of three new buildings for a two-block waterfront area. Other projects he has guided are 360 Madison Avenue, for which his firm garnered a 2002 Merit Award from New York Construction News, the Chelsea Grande, a residential development which was selected by the Congress for New Urbanism for their 2002 Charter Award, and the Caroline, a suite of condominiums with forms echoing its former department-store neighbors along Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Cook received a Bachelor of Architecture degree *cum laude* from Syracuse University. Prior to establishing his own firm, Mr. Cook worked for Fox & Fowle with his current partner, Bob Fox.

Philip Enquist

Philip Enquist leads the urban design and planning studios in SOM's Chicago office. Mr. Enquist's work is focused on the rebuilding of inner cities, their commercial centers and neighborhoods, the strengthening of existing city infrastructure of streets and transit, and the preservation of the natural environment. He collaborates closely with government agencies and community groups to shape the places we live and work. Phil Enquist has directed planning and design on a variety of downtown mixed-use projects, new towns, campus master plans, as well as regional planning initiatives.

José Forjaz

José Forjaz is the CEO and Founder of José Forjaz Arquitectos in Maputo, Mozambique. He holds a Master of Science in Architecture from Columbia University (1968). In 1975-77, Professor Forjaz was the senior adviser for the Mozambican Minister for Public Works and Housing on matters of housing policy, human settlements, planning, training and institution building. In 1977-83, he was the National Director of Housing in charge of regional and urban planning, housing and social equipment. He was also in charge of training programs for basic and medium level rural and urban planning technicians. In 1977-83, Professor Forjaz was the National Directorate of Housing and he covered the entire country through a network of ten provincial offices with a staff of approximately 350. In 1983-86, he was the Secretary of State for Physical Planning in charge of the National Institute for Physical Planning with all the above responsibilities as a member of the government in addition to the responsibility of directing the National Directorate for Geography and Cadastral Registration. Professor Forjaz is the author of numerous articles and lectured at various universities around the world.

Urs P. Gauchat

Professor Urs P. Gauchat is the Dean of the School of Architecture at New Jersey Institute of Technology. Professor Gauchat transformed the School into an internationally recognized leader in the area of CAD (computer aided design) and community development. The School in the past few years has been involved in over 65 community projects. Professor Gauchat is particularly interested in establishing a bridge between the considerable resources of universities and the needs of communities.

Professor Gauchat holds a Master in Architecture (1967) from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He is also an architect, innovator and instigator. As a professional and academic he has a long standing interest and expertise in the field of housing and community building worldwide. From 1978-1998, Professor Gauchat was the President of Gauchat Architects, Inc., and has provided full architectural services for many significant commissions of varying sizes for more than 20 years. The projects include: commercial and industrial buildings, housing and other residential projects, office buildings, historic renovations, interiors, retail establishments, as well as planning and urban design studies. Professor Gauchat also served as a consultant to governmental and non-governmental agencies, as well as large scale public and private projects.

Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett

H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett is the Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations. From November 1999 until his current appointment, Mr. Hackett was Chief of the Caribbean Division, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Having worked in various capacities with the United Nations System since 1970, particularly in the United Nations Secretariat and UNDP, Mr. Hackett served initially as Officer-in-Charge, and thereafter, as Chief of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Inter-Organizational Cooperation Branch of UNDP from January to November 1999. He directed the work of that Branch in providing substantive support to intergovernmental bodies, particularly ECOSOC and the General Assembly, while promoting enhanced system-wide policy and programme coherence.

Before serving with the United Nations, Mr. Hackett worked in the Ministry of External Affairs of Barbados and was Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations in New York in 1969 and 1970. Mr. Hackett holds a PhD in public administration from New York University, a Master of Arts in international relations from Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada, a diploma in international relations from the University of the West Indies, Saint Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago (1968), and a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of West Indies, Mona, Jamaica (1967).

Rastam Mohd Isa

H.E. Mr. Rastam Mohd Isa is the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the U.N, and the former ambassador to Indonesia (1999-2003), serving in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1996-1998). He served as Malaysia's deputy permanent representative to the U.N. in New York in 1998 and 1999.

A career diplomat, Mr. Rastam joined Malaysia's Foreign Ministry as assistant secretary in 1974 and received his first foreign assignment as second, and then first secretary at the Embassy in Washington D.C. from 1978 to 1983. From 1983 to 1988, he served as principal assistant secretary at his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1988 to 1991, he was a counselor at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the U.N. in New York, and during 1991 and 1992, he served as minister counselor/deputy head of mission at his country's Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. In 1992, he was promoted to the position of under-secretary responsible for South-East Asia and the South Pacific at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and, in 1994, he became high commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan. Mr. Rastam received his master's degree in international relations from the University of Lancaster, United Kingdom, and his bachelor's degree in social science (with honors) from the Malaysian University of Science.

Sarbuland Khan

Sarbuland Khan is the Director for the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Khan directed the preparation of the Ministerial meeting of the Economic and Social Council on ICT for development and has been responsible for its follow-up in the context of servicing the Secretary-General's Advisory Group on ICT and the establishment of the ICT Task Force. Among his twenty-one years of professional experience within the United Nations, he has held positions as the Branch Chief for the Policy Coordination and Interagency Affairs, Chief for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department for International Economic and Social Affairs, and Special Assistant to Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Decolonization. From 1979 to 1981, he served as delegate to the Second Committee in the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Khan was the Director for the Economic Coordination in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, and served in embassies in Morocco, Brussels and The Hague. From 1967 to 1969, Mr. Khan was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics in Punjab University of Lahore. Mr. Khan has a Masters degree in economics. He has authored a number of publications and various articles in economics for books, journals, newspapers and magazines.

José Antonio Ocampo

José Antonio Ocampo is the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, succeeding Nitin Desai, effective 1 September 2003. Previously, Mr. Ocampo was the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Earlier in his career, Mr. Ocampo held a number of posts in the Government of Colombia, including those of Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Director of the National Planning Department and Minister of Agriculture. His academic pursuits have included service as Director of the Foundation for Higher Education and Development, Professor of Economics at the Universidad de los Andes and the Universidad Nacional de Colombia and Visiting Professor at Cambridge, Yale and Oxford universities. Mr. Ocampo obtained his doctorate in economics from Yale University, and has been honoured with the Alejandro Angel Escobar National Science Award. He is the author of numerous books and articles on macroeconomic policy and theory, economic development, international trade and economic history.

Lars Reuterswärd

Dr. Lars Reuterswärd is the Director of the Shelter and Sustainable Human Settlements Development Division (also known as the Global Division) of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) since 2003. Dr. Reuterswärd was the overall Coordinator of The World Urban Forum, held in September 2004 in Barcelona, Spain, and is undertaking the coordination of The World Urban Forum that will be held in Vancouver in 2006.

Dr. Reuterswärd was a Member of the Swedish Delegation to the Twenty-fifth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), also known as "Istanbul+5", held in New York in June 2001. From 1993 to 1996 he was also an Expert Member of the Swedish Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul, Turkey, in 1996.

Dr. Reuterswärd earned a Ph.D. in Architecture from Lund University in 1984, and actually is Professor and Head of the Department of Architecture and Development Studies at Lund University since 1986, as well as dedicates time to private practice as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sweden Habitat AB, dedicated to architecture and planning. In 1979 Dr. Reuterswärd founded the Lund Committee on Habitat Studies (LTH) at Lund University, and has acted as its director for 17 years. In 1977 he acted as Research Officer of the Swedish Council for Research Co-operation with Developing Countries (SAREC) Stockholm. In 1977 and 1978 he served as Construction Co-ordinator (Vietnam) for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF, Headquarters in New York), and in 1974 acted as Construction Adviser in Vietnam for the International Red Cross (Headquarters in Geneva).

Other works performed, include as Design Advisor to the World Bank and the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation Housing area (for 4,000 inhabitants) in the Gilgel Gibe Resettlement Project in Ethiopia, several noteworthy architectural competition entries, and he has been elected as Lifetime Member of the Swedish Royal Physiographic Society (Academy for the Natural Sciences, Medicine and Technology, founded in 1772) since 2002. He is also author of dozens of publications and has tutored many dissertations.

Mona Serageldin

Dr. Mona Serageldin is Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design where she has been a member of the faculty since 1985. She is also the Associate Director of the Institute for International Urban Development. She has over 30 years of professional and academic experience in the United States and abroad, and has worked on projects sponsored by USAID, UNDP, UNCHS/HABITAT, the World Bank, and For various foundations in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Dr. Serageldin specializes in local development, strategic planning, social inclusion, policy and program assessment and financing capital improvements. She received her PhD in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

Anna Tibaijuka

Anna Tibaijuka is a Tanzania-born agricultural economist who has had a distinguished career in public service. This culminated in her appointment in 2002 as Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, making her the first African woman to hold so senior a position within the UN. The appointment recognized her success and leadership as Executive Director of the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at the level of Assistant Secretary-General beginning in 2000. UN-Habitat aims to provide shelter and sustainable settlements for all the world's poor and provides policy and technical advice for countries in achieving this goal.

Mrs. Tibaijuka holds a doctorate of science in agricultural economics from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala. From 1993 to 1998 she was Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Dar-es-Salaam during which time she was a member of the Tanzanian delegation to a number of meetings on international development issues. She was then appointed as a special coordinator for the least developed countries for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in which she was involved in trade negotiations between those countries and the World Trade Organisation. Mrs. Tibaijuka has taken a particular interest in the role and rights of women, notably as founding Chairwoman of the Tanzanian National Women's Council, which promotes the rights of women on land, inheritance and social services issues. She has published five books and numerous articles on international development issues.

Klaus Töpfer

Klaus Töpfer is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He was also appointed Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNHabitat) from mid-1998 to mid-2000. He studied economics at the Universities of Mainz, Frankfurt and Münster, completing his PhD in political science in 1968. He is widely recognized as having spearheaded environmental policy as Minister of Environment in Germany. He introduced ground-breaking environmental regulations including the law on the life-cycle economy and the "green dot" packaging recycling system. Before his political career as a member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), Klaus Töpfer was a professor at the University of Hannover, Germany, where he directed the Institute of Regional Research and Development (1978-79).

Klaus Töpfer was Minister of the Environment, Nature and Conservation and Nuclear Safety from 1987 to 1994 in the German federal parliament. He was Minister of Regional Planning, Building and Urban Development from 1994 to 1998. He is the recipient of several honors including the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (1986) and the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. In 2002 he was awarded the Bruno H Schubert Environment Prize and the German Environment Prize.

Ken Yeang

Dr. Ken Yeang is an architect whose firm Hamzah & Yeang specializes in the design and master planning of 'green' or ecologically-responsive large buildings and sites. The firm has offices in London (UK), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Beijing and Shenzhen (China), associate offices in Singapore, Australia and Germany and has received a number of international awards that include the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects International Award, and others.

His architectural education was at the Architectural Association School in London, followed by a Doctorate in architecture from the University of Cambridge in the UK. Dr. Yeang's PhD dissertation is on ecological design and planning, which has provided the agenda for his firm's design work and R&D. He has lectured on the topic of ecological design theory and practice to audiences in over 30 countries worldwide. His firm's expertise is in the design of high-quality ecologically "sustainable" large buildings led to their pioneering of a new genre of tall buildings, referred to as the "bioclimatic skyscraper".

Dr. Yeang has authored of several books and articles on skyscraper design and on ecological design. His latest include, *The Green Skyscraper: The Basis for Designing Sustainable Intensive Buildings* (published by Prestel, Germany in 1999), and *Reinventing the Skyscraper*, (published by John Wiley and Sons/ Academy in 2002). Dr. Yeang has served as the President of the Malaysian Institute of Architects and as the Chairman of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA). He has served on the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Royal Institute of Architects of Scotland (RIAS) and a Professor at Sheffield University (Graham Willis Endowment Chair in Architecture).

Andrew Zumwalt-Hathaway

Andrew Zumwalt-Hathaway is a Sustainable Design Consultant and an Associate at Steven Winter Associates. He was the first person certified in New York State as a LEED Accredited Professional by the US Green Building Council, and also the Vice Chair of the NYC AIA Committee On the Environment (COTE) from 2000 to 2003 and co-chair in 2004. Mr. Hathaway has consulted sustainable architecture projects around the country including the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, AR by Polshek, The Solaire in Battery Park City, NY by Cesar Peli, and the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Headquarters in Albany, NY. He is currently working on the Headquarters for the Hearst Corporation by Norman Foster, The WTC Permanent PATH Terminal by Santiago Calatrava and the New Administration Building for the Queens Botanical Garden (a LEED Platinum project by BKSK Architects).