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SECRETARY-GENERAL APPOINTS DICK THORNBURGH TO HEAD ADMINISTRATION  
AND MANAGEMENT, JAN ELIASSON AS EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali wishes today to make the following additional announcements regarding changes in the top echelon of the Secretariat:

Dick Thornburgh (United States) is being appointed Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, effective 1 March 1992. The Department of Administration and Management will now comprise four divisions: the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance; the Office of Human Resources Management, headed by Assistant Secretary-General Abdou Ciss (Senegal); the Office of General Services, headed by Assistant Secretary-General J. Richard Foran (Canada); and the Office of Conference Services, which will be headed by Mrs. Françoise Cestac (France), at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. A further announcement regarding the head of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance will be made soon.

Mr. Thornburgh, who previously served two terms as Governor of Pennsylvania, held the post of seventy-sixth Attorney-General of the United States from 1988 to 1991. He is currently a partner in the Pittsburgh law firm of Kirkpatrick and Lockhart.

Jan Eliasson (Sweden) is being appointed Emergency Relief Coordinator at the level of Under-Secretary-General. He will assume his functions in the coming weeks. Mr. Eliasson will be entrusted with the responsibility for the coordination of emergency assistance as outlined in General Assembly resolution 46/182, which was adopted by consensus on 19 December 1991. He will work closely with, and have direct access to, the Secretary-General in New York.

Mr. Eliasson will, in that capacity, assume the functions presently carried out by the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator. He will also assume responsibility for all emergency relief activities, including programmes currently under way in the Horn of Africa, South-East Asia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Central America.

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Mr. Eliasson will be in charge of the management of the Central Emergency Revolving Fund, to be established by the Secretary-General as a cash-flow mechanism of \$50 million to ensure the rapid and coordinated response of the organizations of the system. The Secretary-General will convene a meeting of potential donors tomorrow in order to secure the necessary financial support for the establishment of the Fund on an assured, broad-based and additional basis.

The Emergency Relief Coordinator will head a Department comprising a secretariat based on a strengthened Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and consolidation of existing offices which deal with complex emergencies. The International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction secretariat will become an integral part of this secretariat. The new secretariat will be supplemented by staff seconded from concerned organizations of the system.

The Emergency Relief Coordinator will work closely with organizations and entities of the United Nations system, as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Organization for Migration and relevant non-governmental organizations.

At the country level, the Emergency Relief Coordinator will maintain close contact with, and provide leadership to, the Resident Coordinators on matters relating to humanitarian assistance.

A career diplomat, Mr. Eliasson has been the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations since 1988.

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