

***UNMIS Press Release No. 20/07*****Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan Ashraf Jehangir Qazi Arrives in Sudan**

Khartoum, 23 October 2007: The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Sudan, Mr. Ashraf Jahangir Qazi, arrives today in Khartoum to assume his functions as head of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS).

SRSG Ashraf Qazi is expected to meet over the next few days President Omar Al Bashir, First Vice President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir, and senior officials of the Government of National Unity and the Government of Southern Sudan.

SRSG Qazi activities during the coming days include a series of internal meetings with UN officials. He will also represent the United Nations during the celebration of the United Nations Day to be held tomorrow.

The Secretary-General announced the appointment of Mr. Qazi as his Special Representative for Sudan on 11 September 2007.

SRSG Qazi is a Pakistani national. He has been the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq since 2004. Prior to his appointment as the Special Representative for Iraq, Mr. Qazi served from 2002 to 2004 as Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States in Washington D.C. Before that posting, he had been Pakistan's High Commissioner to India since 1997.

Mr. Qazi was Pakistan's Ambassador to China from 1994 to 1997. He also served as Ambassador to the former Soviet Union and later Russian Federation (1991-1994), the former German Democratic Republic (1990-1991) and Syria (1986-1988). His assignments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad included Director of East Asia (1975-1978), Director-General for Policy Planning and Afghanistan (1982-1986) and Additional Foreign Secretary for Policy Planning, Afghanistan, Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (1988-1990).

In addition, Mr. Qazi held various diplomatic assignments in Copenhagen, Tokyo, Cairo, Tripoli and London.

Mr. Qazi was born in 1942. He is married with two daughters.

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