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His Excellency  
**Ravan Farhâdi**  
Afghani Ambassador to the UN

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**11:00 A.M.**  
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His Excellency Ravan A.G. Farhâdi, the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations first presented his credentials to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on 30 April 1993. Under the interim agreement for a new government in Afghanistan, signed in Bonn, Germany, on 5 December 2001, he was requested to resubmit them. Since 1993, Farhâdi has served as vice chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People at United Nations Headquarters in New York. After a period as a political prisoner during the former Soviet Union’s presence in Afghanistan (1979–80), he was an academic from 1985–92, as an associate professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at UC—Berkeley; during the sum-



mer of 1985, as a visiting fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra; and during the previous four years as an associate professor at the University of Paris—Pantheon-Sorbonne (1981–85). He has served in many other political and diplomatic capacities for Afghanistan. Farhâdi received a bachelor’s degree from the Istiqlal College at Kabul in 1948. He also holds diplomas from the Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris, Department of International Relations (1952), and from the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales, University of Paris (1955). He received a PhD in Indo-Iranian philology at the École Pratique des Hautes Études of the University of Paris in 1955. He and his wife have three children.