VETERAN UN EXECUTIVE FOUNDING MEMBER OF WAN-C

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Souren G. Seraydarian, a deputy director of the International Organizing Committee (the steering group of the proposed Western Armenian National Congress) is a veteran United Nations executive who has served the international organization in more than half-a-dozen countries.Born in Aleppo, he joined the United Nations in 1969 and during the next 35 years was stationed in Haiti (twice), South Africa, Eastern Slavonia, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and in Liberia. He retired in 2004.

As a UN senior executive, he served the international body in various capacities, including in technical assistance, in human resources, as chief adminstrative officer, observer, representative of the Secretary-General, and on several occasions as deputy special representative of the UN head.

Mr. Seraydarian holds a PhD. in international law and political science, in addition to postgraduate diploma from the Diplomatic Academy in Austria. He has done postgraduate work in human resources management in the United Kingdom and economic development in France.

The former UN executive currently lives in Vienna, Austria. He speaks at least five languages: Armenian, Arabic, French, English and German.