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Mr. Souren G. Seraydarian retired from the United Nations in October 2004 after completing service as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Operations and Rule of Law in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

Mr. Seraydarian was a career staff member of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and later of the United Nations. He holds a PhD in International Law and Political Science and a post-graduate Diploma from the Diplomatic Academy in Austria. He has conducted post-graduate work in human resources management in the United Kingdom as well as economic development in France. After joining the UN/UNIDO in July 1969, Mr. Seraydarian served UNIDO in the administration of technical assistance and human resources management and subsequently as Director of Personnel, Director of the UNIDO Office in Geneva and Representative of the Director-General of UNIDO to the UN and its specialized agencies in Geneva.

In 1993, he joined the UN Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH), as Chief Administrative Officer for this joint United Nations/Organization of American States mission. In 1994, Mr. Seraydarian was assigned to the United Nations Observer Mission South Africa (UNOMSA). He subsequently participated in the planning of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) and served with the mission from October 1994 to March 1996 until his assignment to the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia (UNTAES) as Deputy Transition Administrator.

In January 1998, Mr. Seraydarian was appointed as Representative of the Secretary-general and head of United Nations Police Support Group in Croatia until the closure of the mission in February 1999. In August 1999, he joined the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and completed his assignment as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General in December 2002.

In November/December 2001 and March 2002, he led the assessment team and subsequently planned the deployment of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).