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### ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

#### Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway to the Secretary General

Oslo, 30 August 1983

Mr. Secretary General,

With reference to the rules of procedure for appointment to the post of Secretary General, according to which candidates may be proposed to the Committee of Ministers by one or more Member Governments, I have the honour, on behalf of the Governments of Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway, to submit the candidature of Mr. Ole Ålgård for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

When proposing Mr. Ålgård as a candidate, the four governments have had in mind not only their interest in proposing a person of the highest ability and integrity and suitability for the post, but the desirability of ensuring an equitable geographical allocation of appointments among nationals of the Member States.

On 26 January 1983 the four Governments announced their intention of putting forward Mr. Ålgård's candidature. The text of the press release, as well as Mr. Ålgård's curriculum vitae, are enclosed.

I would ask you to inform the Committee of Ministers of the above.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Sverre Stray

CURRICULUM VITAEAMBASSADOR OLE ALGARD

Ambassador Ålgård was born in Norway 9 September 1921. After completing his law degree at the University of Oslo in 1946, he entered service with the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that same year.

His career in the service since that time has been as follows:

Secretary, Norwegian Embassy, Moscow, 1947-1950

Chargé d'Affaires, Norwegian Embassy, Vienna, 1951-1956

Head of Division for East-European Affairs, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, 1956-1961

Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations, New York, 1961-1964

Councillor of Embassy, Norwegian Embassy, Brussels, Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, 1964-1966

Norwegian Ambassador in Peking, 1966-1971

Permanent Representative ad interim of Norway to the United Nations during the 25th General Assembly of the United Nations

Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations, New York, 1972-1982

Chairman of the Special Committee on the United Nations Finances, 1972

President of the International Conference of Experts to support Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid held in Oslo, April 1973

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme, 1974

Chairman of the Review and Appraisal Committee, 1975

President of the Board of Governors on the United Nations Special Fund, 1975-1977

Vice-President of the General Assembly, 30th Session 1975

Vice-President of ECOSOC 1977

Permanent Representative of Norway to the Security Council, 1979-1981

President of the Security Council in April 1979

President of the Security Council in June 1980

Member of Board of Trustees of United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), 1978

Member of Board of Directors International Peace Academy, New York, 1979-

Chairman of the Board 1983

Lecturer of international affairs Farleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey, 1972-1982

Guest lecturer Council of Foreign Affairs, New York and Harvard University, 1970-1976

Norwegian Ambassador in Copenhagen, 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

Ole Ålgård will be the Nordic candidate for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The Governments of Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway have agreed to put forward his candidature, which is supported by the Nordic delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly. The election of the Secretary General will take place in May next year when the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe elects the successor to the present Secretary General, whose five year term expires on 30 September 1984. The Assembly has 170 members from the Parliaments of the 21 member countries. Ålgård's candidature was originally proposed by the Norwegian parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe.

Ole Ålgård has wide international experience. He joined the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1946 and has been posted to Moscow, Vienna, New York, Brussels and Peking. He was Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe 1964-1966 and from 1972 to 1982 Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. During this period he served, i.a., as Vice President of the United Nations General Assembly (1975), of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (1977) and as President of the Security Council during April 1979 and June 1980. He has had, and still occupies, a number of positions in several international organisations and he has lectured on international politics at a number of American universities.

At present, Ole Ålgård is Norwegian Ambassador to Denmark.