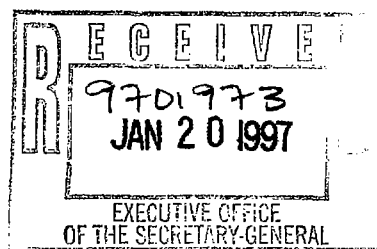


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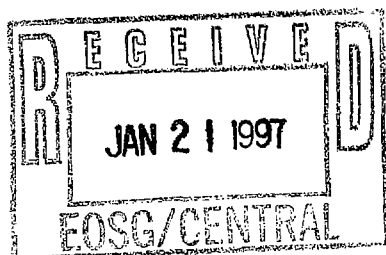
*Dear Iqbal,*

*The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Senator Rino Serri, will be in New York from Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 February 1997. Senator Serri is responsible for African affairs and for the assistance and development cooperation programmes at the Italian Foreign Ministry.*

*He has been closely involved with African issues for many years and has had extensive contacts with the leaders of a number of political organizations of that continent. Please find herewith attached a copy of Senator Serri's curriculum vitae.*

*I would highly appreciate it if, on the occasion of the upcoming visit to New York of Senator Serri, a meeting could be scheduled with the Secretary-General.*

*With my warmest regards,*



*Paolo*  
F. Paolo Fulei  
Ambassador and  
Permanent Representative

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Mr. Iqbal Riza  
Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary-General  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
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## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF SENATOR RINO SERRI ITALIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER**

Senator Rino Serri was born in Casina (Reggio Emilia) on 23 January 1933. He graduated in Modern Literature at the University of Bologna.

He began his political activity at the age of 18. In the early sixties he was first National Secretary of the F.G.C.I. (The Italian Young Communists Federation ) and later Regional Secretary of the then PCI (the Italian Communist Party). He was elected Member of the Chamber of Deputies, the Italian Lower Chamber, in the Verona constituency in 1979 and in 1983.

He was National President of A.R.C.I. (Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana - Italian Cultural and Recreational Association) from 1984 to 1989.

In 1987 he was elected to the Senate of the Republic and re-elected in the 12 th Legislature (1994-96) for the Democratic Left.

During the same period he was Vice-President of the Standing Committee of the Senate on Foreign Affairs and Member of the Italian Delegation to the O.S.C.E.

In his capacity as National President of A.R.C.I., Senator Serri devoted special efforts in favour of the peace process in Palestine, promoting the campaign "Salam ragazzi dell'Ulivo" - "Salam, children of the olive tree" for the long-distance adoption of over 6.000 Palestinian children.

In his years as a Member of Parliament he was especially active in the debate on the new World Trade Organization (WTO) and on the issue of aid to the developing countries.

On 21 May he was appointed Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, a post he currently holds.

He is married and has four children.