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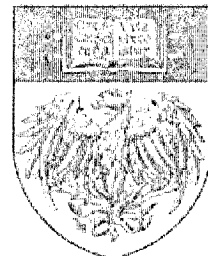
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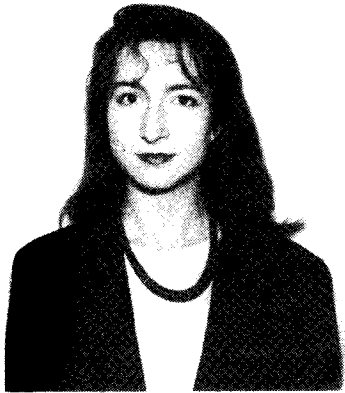
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# NYC Commission Comments



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**UNICEF Chooses New York City**  
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session in October. The announcement came on October 8, 1993 when Unicef Executive Board Chairwoman, Anna Semamba Makinda, along with Unicef Executive Director James P. Grant and the Mayor of New York, David N. Dinkins, affirmed that the latest New York City offer had been accepted. This decision means approximately \$170 million in savings for Unicef and, consequently, millions more for improving the state of children worldwide. As Mr. Grant expressed, "the final beneficiaries of this will be world's children."

Under the new agreement, Unicef will consolidate several of its

operations in office space at 633 Third Avenue, while retaining its main Headquarters at 3 U.N. Plaza. As Unicef expands its existing 950-person staff by 600 over the next 20 years, Unicef will move into additional space at 633 Third Avenue. Presently, the United Nations Development Corporation (UNDC) will purchase a condominium interest in 633 and lease the space to Unicef. (UNDC will also buy 90,000 feet to be leased to other U.N. affiliates and non-profit organizations.) In approximately 30 years, New York City and UNDC will transfer ownership of the Unicef-occupied floors on 633 Third Avenue, as well as all of Unicef House, to Unicef.

At the press announcement in the lobby of Unicef House, Mayor Dinkins expressed his delight in the decision. "Unicef is important to New York's identity as an international city. Our efforts to ensure that Unicef is appropriately housed and well cared for in New York City convey our over-arching commitment to maintain the U.N. community intact in New York.

Simply put, New York City made Unicef the best offer for a new home as they expand their staff to meet the needs of the world's children into the next century."

The negotiation process, coordinated by the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and International Business, was an important city-wide campaign of Mayor David N. Dinkins. New York City's offer was presented to Unicef by UNDC, the New York City Economic Development. New York City government is extremely appreciative of the support extended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine K. Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council Victor Marrero, and Marian Wright Edelman, the U.S. Representative to Unicef.

We, in city government, are extremely pleased that our coordinated, multi-agency efforts produced the results sought by Unicef. We plan to do the same for other branches of the U.N. looking to

relocate such as UNDP, UNIFEM and INSTRAW, and other U.N.-affiliated. Non-Governmental Organizations, such as the World Cultural Organization and the International Council on Social Welfare. We believe that our consolidated approach is in accord with the mandate of U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to streamline overall U.N. operations. As always, we remain ready to work closely with the various offices of the Secretariat, as well as with the U.N. Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the U.N. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to insure the best possible operating conditions for the U.N. system as a whole.

The United Nations and its affiliates are integral components of New York City's political, cultural and economic makeup. New York City's government is committed to the aspirations and goals of the U.N. as it expands operations, and we offer our strong and enthusiastic support.

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After three years of complex negotiations culminating in a particularly intense bidding battle this summer, Unicef has decided to keep its headquarters operation here in New York City.

The decision was made by consensus of the 41-member Executive Board after a special two-day

