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## **Senior UN officials to receive honorary degrees at fall convocation**

**Waterloo, Ont. (Oct. 10)** - Wilfrid Laurier University will award honorary Doctor of Laws degrees to two senior United Nations officials at its fall convocation on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Mutual Arena in the Waterloo Recreation Complex.

**Mr. Justice Richard Goldstone** is prosecutor for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and International Tribunal for Rwanda, based in The Hague, Netherlands. The tribunal was created by the UN Security Council in 1993 and is the first international body for the prosecution of war crimes since the Nuremberg and Tokyo **trials** following World War Two. It has charged 43 suspected war criminals so far, including Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic. The first trial, of Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic, the only suspect held in custody, is expected to start in November.

Goldstone is the South African judge who headed the commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation in South Africa. The commission has named senior police officers as implicated in the violence and in attempts to destabilize the state during its move towards democracy.

Goldstone has received several honorary degrees in recent years, and in 1994 was awarded the International Human Rights Award of the American Bar Association.

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**Dr. Nafis Sadik**, who will address the roughly 520 graduands, is Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, based in New York, and holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General. She is the first woman ever selected by the UN to head one of its major voluntarily-funded programs.

The Population Fund is the world's largest source of multilateral assistance to populations programs. It has a budget of approximately \$250 million (U.S.) and a worldwide staff of 800.

Sadik, who is known as an advocate for improving the status of women through programs aimed at addressing population problems, alleviating poverty and promoting development, is a Pakistani national, a medical doctor in gynaecology and obstetrics, and the recipient of numerous awards. She served as Secretary-General of the UN International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994, and she is currently president of the Society for International Development.

Also at convocation, Dr. Rosemary Fischer, founder of Wilfrid Laurier University's music therapy program and a practicing music therapist, will be presented with the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award for 1994-95, and **Dr. James Blackburn** of Laurier's department of physics and computing will be honored as University Research Professor for 1995-96. He will be free of teaching and service responsibilities for the year, and will continue research on his area of expertise: Josephson junction networks and chaos.

The convocation begins at 2:15 p.m. (Both Dr. Sadik and Mr. Justice Goldstone, whose biographies accompany this release, will be available to the media following the ceremonies.)



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DR. (MRS.) NAFIS **SAD/K**

*Dr. (Mrs.) Nafis Sadik is the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General. On her appointment in 1987, she became the first woman to head one of the United Nations' major voluntarily-funded programmes.*

*As chief executive of UNFPA, the world's largest source of multilateral assistance to population programmes with a programme level of approximately \$300 million in 1995, Dr. Sadik directs a worldwide staff of about 800. UNFPA provides assistance for over 140 countries and territories throughout the world. Since its inception in 1969, cumulative pledges through 1994 totalled approximately \$3.1 billion from a total of 167 donors.*

*Dr. Sadik has consistently called attention to the importance of addressing the needs of women, and of involving women directly in making and carrying out development policy. This is particularly important for population policies and programmes. At UNFPA, 44 per cent of the professional staff are women. The Fund has promoted more women to leadership positions than any other part of the United Nations system.*

*In June 1990, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed Dr. Sadik Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), 1994. On the Conference, Dr Sadik has said:*

*"When the essential needs of the individual are addressed, those of larger groups--the family, the community, the nation and indeed the planet are more likely to be kept in the right perspective. One of the challenges to the Conference is to find the balance between individual rights and responsibilities on the one hand, and the rights and obligations of the wider society on the other."*

*A national of Pakistan, Dr. Sadik was born in Jaunpur, India, the daughter of Iffat Ara and Mohammad Shoaib. Mr. Shoaib served as Finance Minister of Pakistan and as Vice-President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank). Dr. Sadik was educated at Loreto College (Calcutta) and received her doctor, of medicine degree from Dow Medical College (Karachi). She served her internship in gynaecology and obstetrics at City Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland (USA). Dr. Sadik completed further studies at The Johns Hopkins University (USA) and held the post of research fellow in physiology at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario (Canada).*

*From 1954 to 1963, Dr. Sadik served as civilian medical officer in charge of women's and children's wards in various Pakistani armed forces hospitals, directing a medical staff of up to 50 officers. In 1964, she was appointed Head of the Health Section of the Government's Planning Commission, responsible for developing, preparing and evaluating a five-year health and family planning programme as part of the nation's overall development plan.*



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*In 1966, Dr. Sadik became Director of Planning and Training of the Pakistan Central Family Planning Council, the Government agency charged with carrying out the national family planning programme. She was appointed Deputy Director-General in 1968 and Director-General in 1970. Dr. Sadik joined UNFPA in October 1971, and became Chief of the Programme Division in 1973. From 1982 until 1987, she was Assistant Executive Director.*

*Dr. Sadik was the first female recipient of the Hugh Moore Award in 1976, named after a pioneer in the United States credited with calling attention to the world population crisis. She was cited for her leadership in the family planning field as well as for her leadership in encouraging other women to find careers in the population field. Dr. Sadik is a member of the Association of Pakistani Physicians in the United States. She was elected to the 1988 Fellowship ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in the United Kingdom. Dr. Sadik has received Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters from The Johns Hopkins University and Duke University, respectively, in May 1989 and May 1995, and an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters from Brown University in May 1993. Dr. Sadik is also the recipient of awards from President Soeharto for her participation in developing the family planning programme in Indonesia, and from the Government of Pakistan for her contribution in the field of medicine. Dr. Sadik was presented with the 1993 International Award from the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPHRA) in February 1994, at its annual meeting. Also in 1994, Dr. Sadik was elected President of the Society for International Development (SID) for the period 1994-1997. Other awards include the 1994 Laureate of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), and the 1994 Women's Global Leadership Award presented by the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA). In June 1995, Dr. Sadik was the recipient in the highest category of the prestigious Bruno H. Schubert Prize, 1995, awarded by the Bruno H. Schubert-Foundation (Germany) honouring her outstanding and excellent contribution in the field of population. In August 1995, His Excellency President Hosni Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt signed a decree, giving Dr. Sadik the Order of Merit, First Class (Grand Cordon) in recognition of her efforts in the field of population and development, and in the successful carrying out of the ICPD in September 1994.*

*Dr. Sadik has written numerous articles for leading publications in the family planning, health and development fields, and edited several books, among them: Population: The UNFPA Experience (New York University Press, 1984), Population Policies and Programmes: Lessons Learned from Two Decades of Experience, (New York University Press, 1991), and Making a Difference: Twenty-five Years of UNFPA Experience, (Benson, London, United Kingdom, 1994).*

*Dr. Sadik is married to Azhar Sadik, a businessman. They have three children and two adopted children.*

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(Prosecutor of the Tribunal since August 1994)

*Born:* Boksburg, South Africa, 26 October 1938. *Education:* University of Witwatersrand BA., LL.B (*cum laude*) (1962), *Professional Experience:* Johannesburg Bar (Advocate 1963-1980; Senior Counsel 1976); Judge, Transvaal Supreme Court (1980-1989); Judge, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa (1989-1994); Chairman, Commission of Inquiry regarding Public Violence and Intimidation (1991-1994); Justice, South African Constitutional Court (1994-present); Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and International Tribunal for Rwanda (1994-present). *Member:* Standing Advisory Committee on Company Law (Chairman); National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (National President 1982-present); Executive Committee of the World ORT Union (Vice-Chairman 1982-present); Council of the University of Witwatersrand (1988-1994); Board of the School of Law, University of Witwatersrand; Governor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Chairman, Bradiow Foundation (Chairman 1989-present). *Honours:* Newsmaker of the Year, Indicator Newspaper (1992); Newsmaker of the Year, SABC Radio (1992); Paul Harris Award, Rotary Club of Bloemfontein (1993); Honouree, Annual Dinner of MESAB (1993); Newsmaker of the Year, Pretoria Press Club (1993); Honouree, Psychological Society of South Africa (1993); Honorary Doctorates of Law, University of Cape Town (1993), University of Witwatersrand (1994), University of Natal (1994), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1994); Alumni Honours Award, University of Witwatersrand (1994); Toastmasters International 1994 Communication and Leadership Award (1994); International Human Rights Award of the American Bar Association (1994). *Other:* Fellow, Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University (1989), Honorary Fellow, St. John's College, Cambridge (1995).