

## Past Secretaries-General



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### **Boutros Boutros-Ghali** (Egypt)

January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1996

**B**orn in Cairo on November 14, 1922, Boutros Boutros-Ghali is a lawyer and a career diplomat. After receiving a doctorate in international law from the Université de Paris in 1949, he taught international law and international relations at the University of Cairo until his appointment as Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in 1977.

Heavily involved in international affairs, he had a hand in negotiating the Camp David accords signed by Egypt and Israel in 1979. He headed the Egyptian delegation to the UN General Assembly in 1979, 1982 and 1990. Before taking up his duties as UN Secretary-General on January 1, 1992, he also served as Vice-President of the Socialist International.



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### **Javier Pérez de Cuéllar** (Peru)

January 1, 1982, to December 31, 1991

**J**avier Pérez de Cuéllar was born in Lima on January 19, 1920. He joined the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1940 and eventually made his way to the top, serving as Ambassador to Switzerland, the Soviet Union, Poland and Venezuela. In 1971 he was named Peru's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

In 1973 and 1974 he represented his country on the Security Council, serving as President of the Council during the Cyprus crisis in July 1974. On September 18, 1975, he was named Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, a post he held until December 1977. In 1979 he was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs. In May 1981 he returned to Lima, where he remained until his appointment as UN Secretary-General in December of that year. He served two terms.