

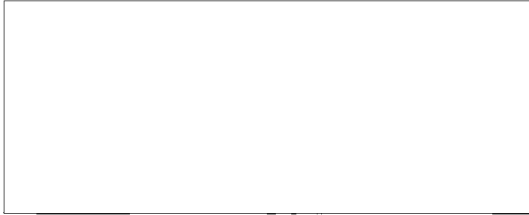
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[REDACTED] UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) FEDERICO ((MAYOR)) HAD RECENTLY HAND-PICKED RAUL ((ROA)) KOURI FOR THE POSITION OF SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE UNESCO DG FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. MOST RECENTLY, FROM 1994 TO 1998, ROA WAS CUBA'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE; HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CUBAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HAVANA'S AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED ROA AS A HARD-CORE MARXIST-LENINIST AND A CONFIDANT OF CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL ((CASTRO)) RUZ AND OTHER TOP CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS. AT UNESCO, ROA WILL REPLACE FORMER GUATEMALAN CULTURE MINISTER ANAISABEL ((PRENDA-FLORES)), WHO IS DISAPPOINTED WITH HER TRANSFER. FOR THE TIME BEING, UNESCO DG MAYOR DOES NOT WANT THE ROA APPOINTMENT TO BE MADE PUBLIC.

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(S//OC/NF) 2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: MAYOR'S SELECTION OF ROA WILL ADD TO THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE UNESCO DG'S INNER CIRCLE OF HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AND EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-PAID SPECIAL ADVISORS, WHOSE NUMBER IS SEEN BY MANY AS TOO LARGE. MAYOR'S SELECTION OF ROA UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE WELL-RECEIVED BY CASTRO, WITH WHOM MAYOR SHARES A WARM RELATIONSHIP.)

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