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Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee in accordance with section 9 of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly is invited to note that Pradip Choudhary (India) has resigned from the Finance Committee effective 24 May 2013. Mr. Choudhary was elected by the Assembly at the seventeenth session of the International Seabed Authority as a member of the Finance Committee for a term of five years beginning on 1 January 2012.
2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Finance Committee prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.
3. In accordance with section 9 of the annex to the Agreement, the Finance Committee shall be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Finance Committee shall be elected by the Assembly.
4. By a note verbale dated 26 June 2013, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Vishnu Dutt Sharma, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, to fill the vacant seat on the Finance Committee left by Mr. Choudhary for the remainder of his term ending on 31 December 2016. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Sharma appears in the annex to the present document.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Vishnu Dutt Sharma (India)

Born on 28 June 1959

Ph.D., LL.M., LL.B., B.A.

Counsellor (Legal Adviser), Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations

Positions

- Director, Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs.
- Legal Officer (Grade I), Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs (2001-2010).
- Legal Officer (Grade II), Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs (1995-2001).
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, India (1990-1995).
- Research Fellow (International Law), Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, India (1986-1989).
- Life Member: Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.

Professional experience

Teaching

Lectured apart from the Faculty of Law, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, at the Indian Society of International Law, the Foreign Service Institute of India and the Academy of the Central Bureau of Investigation of India, in areas covering law of the sea, international criminal law, including extradition and international cooperation, international criminal court and diplomatic and consular relations between States.

Performed as a judge (2006-2010) in the annual Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Competition on problems/cases concerning international humanitarian law.

Negotiations

- United Nations Convention on International Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods wholly or partly by Sea (2002-2008).
- Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC).
- Group of Experts for review and finalization of the Draft Guide to the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, relating to Marine Scientific Research (New York, April 2009).
- SAARC Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (2008).

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Legal Experts' meeting of Member States of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (Putrajaya, Malaysia, 30-31 March 2010) in the wake of the Review Conference of the Statute of the ICC, May-June 2010.
- Annual sessions of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization held in New Delhi.
- Working Group of Experts' meetings on Enhancing the International Legal Status of Red Notices, held in Lyon (France) and Casablanca (Morocco) in May 2010 and September 2010 respectively.
- Special Commission of the Hague Conference on the Practical Operation of the Hague Apostille, Service, Evidence and Access to Justice Conventions (The Hague, Netherlands, February 2009).
- Bilateral negotiations in areas including maritime boundaries; extradition treaties; transfer of sentenced persons; mutual legal assistance treaties in criminal matters and in civil and commercial matters.

Member of Indian delegation

- General Assembly, sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions.
- Meetings of Sixth Committee (Legal) during the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.
- Twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third meetings of States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 (2011, 2012 and 2013).
- Meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (2011 and 2012).
- Meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (2011, 2012 and 2013).
- Meetings of Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (2012 and 2013).
- Ad hoc Committee on International Terrorism (2013).

Research and publication

- "Settlement of International Disputes under the Law of the Sea", leading to the award of Ph.D.
- "International Criminal Law: Crime Prevention and Punishment", an article contributed in a book entitled "India and international law", 2005, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- "Protection of Marine Environment under the Law of the Sea", Vol. 16-19, 1990-1993, Kurukshetra Law Journal, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
- "Doctrine of Indoor Management", an article published in a book entitled "Principles of Company Law", 1994.

- “International Crimes and Universal Jurisdiction”, Indian Journal of International Law, Vol. 42, No. 2, April-June 2002.
 - Book review: “International Legal Control on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances” written by Dr. M. C. Mehanathan (Lex Publishing House, Delhi, 2002), Indian Journal of International Law, Vol. 42, No. 4, October-December 2002.
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