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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 of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Koteswara M. Rao (India) resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 13 July 2017. Mr. Rao had been elected by the Assembly at its twenty-second session as a member of the Committee for a term of five years, beginning on 1 January 2017 ([ISBA/22/A/14](#)).
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 of 10 December 1982 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 Committee shall be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Committee shall be elected by the Assembly.
4. By a note verbale dated 3 August 2017, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Yedla Umasankar to fill the seat on the Committee left vacant by Mr. Rao for the remainder of his term ending on 31 December 2021. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Umasankar is contained in the annex to the present note.¹

¹ The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Yedla Umasankar (India)

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

Positions

- Legal Officer (Grade I), Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs (2016-2017)
- Legal Officer (Grade II), Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs (2010-2016)
- Manager (Law), Bank of Maharashtra, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India (2009-2010)
- Advocate (All branches of Law), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India (1999-2009)
- Life member: Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi

Professional experience

Teaching

Lectured in: Visakhapatnam BAR Association; NBM Law College; the Indian Society of International Law; in areas covering criminology; environmental law; 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 (2010-2017) in the annual Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Competition on problems/cases concerning international humanitarian law.

Negotiations

- SAARC Intergovernmental Framework Agreement for Energy (2011-2012)
- Second and Third meetings of the UNIDROIT on committee of emerging markets issues follow-up and implementation established by the UNIDROIT Diplomatic Conference to adopt a convention on substantive rules regarding intermediated securities (2012-2013)
- Fourth, fifth and sixth Bay of Bengal initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Member Countries (2011-2016)
- UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Settlement of Disputes) (2014-2016)
- Bilateral negotiations in areas including maritime boundaries; transfer of sentenced persons; trafficking, trade; social security; mutual legal assistance treaties in criminal matters and in civil and commercial matters; audiovisual; narcotics (2010-2017)
- Annual sessions of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization held in New Delhi

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Member of Indian delegation

- Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 (2017)
- Fourth Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument (ILBI) under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) (2017)
- Meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (2017)
- United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (Ocean Conference) (2017)

Research and publication

- “Sustainable Development on Environment”, leading to the award of Masters of Law in international law
 - “Uniform Civil Code”, leading to the award of Masters of Law in international law
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