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ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 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

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly is invited to note that Dr. S. Rama Rao (India) ceased to be a member of the Finance Committee with effect from 27 July 1999. Dr. Rama Rao was elected as a member of the Finance Committee on 13 August 1996 for a term of five years with effect from 1 January 1997 (ISBA/A/L.13).
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 ("the Agreement") 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 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 3 August 1999, the Government of India informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Mr. Narinder Singh, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, to fill the vacant seat on the Finance Committee. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Singh appears in the annex to the present document.*

CURRICULUM VITAE

- 1 Name: : **NARINDER SINGH**
- 2 Date of Birth : 15 November 1951
- 3 Nationality : Indian
- 4 Educational Qualifications:
- LL.M (Masters of Laws), 1976 in International Law, Delhi University.
- LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) 1974, Delhi University.
- 5 **Present Position:** Fast Secretary Regal Advised
Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations
New York (from September 1998 to date)

6 **Previous Positions:**

- 1 Director,
Legal and Treaties Division
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India (from April 1997)

Duties: To advise the Ministry of External Affairs and other Ministries/Department of the Government of India on all matters concerning international law and treaties, including negotiation and conclusion of treaties, implementing legislation for treaties; court cases in India and abroad involving questions of international law; diplomatic privileges and immunities disarmament law, atomic energy law, shipping and civil aviation, state succession; investment protection; law of the sea; outer space.

2. Legal Officer (Grade I)
Legal & Treaties Division
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, (from 1990 to 1997)

Duties: same as above.

- 3 Legal Officer (Grade II)
Legal & Treaties Division
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, (from 1984 to 1990)

Duties: Same as above.

4. Assistant Professor,

Indian Society of International Law
New Delhi, (from 1978 to 1984)

Duties:

Research: prepared research reports on different areas of international Law including: international terrorism; law of the sea; Outer space law; trade law.

Teaching: Taught international law at the diploma courses conducted by the Society.

Editorial: Assistant Editor of the **INDIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW** published by the Society

5. Research Officer
Indian Institute of Public Administration
New Delhi, (1976-1977)

Duties: To carry out research on the project “Town Planning Legislations in India and their Implementation”. Included survey and analysis of legislation enacted by the Central and State Governments on the subject as well as judgements of the Supreme Court and High Courts and field visits.

7. **Other relevant professional experience:**

Visiting Lecturer at:

1. Foreign Service Training Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
2. Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi
3. Training Programme on the Chemical Weapons Convention, DRDE Gwalior, January 1995

8. **Membership of Learned Bodies:**

Life Member: Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi, and Member of the Executive Committee since 1997.

9. **Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards:**

United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) Fellowship in International Law, 1986 (included a six weeks course at the Hague Academy of International Law; and twelve weeks at the Legal Division of the International Maritime Organisation, London).

Centre for Studies and Research, Hague Academy of International Law, the Hague,

August-September, 1983

Sixteenth International Law Seminar, United Nations, Geneva, 1980.

10. **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE**

Represented India at various bilateral negotiations and international conferences:

Bilateral:

Investment promotion and protection, civil aviation, trade, border trade, consular, telecommunications, double taxation avoidance, river waters, outer space.

Talks with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a host State Agreement for the Resident Office in India, 1992.

Talks with ESCAP for a host State Agreement for the Asia Pacific Centre for Science and Technology (APCTT), June 1994

Multilateral:

United Nations General Assembly (Sixth Committee) 1998

Preparatory Commission on an International Criminal Court, New York, 1999

Ad hoc Committee on International Terrorism, New York, March 1999

United Nations Charter Committee, New York, April 1999

Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference, Port of Spain, May 1999

Resumed fourth session of the International Seabed Authority, New York, October 1998.

Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, New York, May 1999.

UNCITRAL Working Group on International Contract Practices, New York, March 1999.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Diplomatic Conference on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage, Vienna, September, 1997.

International Maritime Organisation, Legal Committee, London, October 1997

IAEA Standing Committee on Nuclear Liability, April 1997

The United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Legal Sub-Committee Meetings, 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Conference for adoption of the Statute of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, London, February 1995.

Annual Sessions of the Asian African Legal Consultative Committee, 1986-1989, 1992-1995 and 1998, and various inter-sessional meetings

Meeting of Legal Experts of States signatory to the Antarctic Treaty, regarding an Annex on liability to the Protocol on the Antarctic Environment, the Hague, November, 1994

The UNIDROIT Working Group on the International return of stolen or illegally exported cultural property, Rome, October 1993.

International Forum on Law of the Environment, Siena, Italy, April 1990.

SAARC Conference for adoption of the SAARC Convention on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Colombo, January-February, 1990.

United Nations Workshop on the Rights of the Child, with special focus on female child jointly conducted by the Centre for Human Rights and Ministry of External Affairs of India, New Delhi, December 1990.

International Tin Council, London, April and September 1989.

INMARSAT Conference on Land Mobile Satellite Communications, Varna, Bulgaria, June 1988.

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