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Working languages: English, Spanish, French (passive knowledge)

Current position/function: Retired diplomat

Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Main professional activities: 2004-2005: Ambassador to France

2001-2004: Ambassador to Spain

1998-2001: Additional Secretary (International Organizations),

Ministry of External Affairs

1997-1998: Dean, Foreign Service Institute

1992-1997: Head of Divisions dealing with the Asia- Pacific

region and later the Americas

1989-1992: Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia

1967-1989: Served in various capacities in the Government of India and Indian Missions in the United States, Bangladesh,

Philippines and Kenya

Educational background: MA, Delhi University

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Leader of the Indian delegation to the Rome Conference

establishing the International Criminal Court.

Long experience of multilateral diplomacy in the United Nations, the Non-aligned Movement and the Commonwealth covering security and disarmament, international law, human rights and social issues, climate change and the environment.

Participated in several sessions of the General Assembly and the

erstwhile Commission on Human Rights.

Representative of India in the Fourth Committee, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Special Committee of 24.

Supervised the preparation of India's national reports to the monitoring bodies of various United Nations human rights

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Participated in the process of amending domestic laws to conform to United Nations human rights instruments to which India became party.

Most recent publications in the field:

Indian Foreign Policy: An Agenda for the 21st Century, 1997

India and Spain: 2000 Years of Interaction (Spanish), 2002

Has delivered presentations at international meetings and written articles for newspapers and journals on nuclear and security policy, climate change, the International Criminal Court, etc.