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Judge Nagendra Singh is elected President of the
International Court of Justice

Judge Guy Ladreit de Lacharrière is elected Vice-President

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

Today, 14 February 1985, the International Court of Justice elected Judge Nagendra Singh (India) to be its President and Judge Guy Ladreit de Lacharrière (France) to be its Vice-President.

Their terms of office as President and Vice-President will come to an end in 1988. Their membership of the Court is due to expire in 1991.

Biographies of the new President and Vice-President are attached to this communiqué.

Judge NAGENDRA SINGH

(Judge *ad hoc* in the Appeal relating to the Jurisdiction of the ICAO Council; Member of the Court since 6 February 1973; re-elected as from 6 February 1982; Vice-President 1976-1979)

Born at Dungarpur, Rajasthan, on 18 March 1914.

Son of His late Highness Maharawal Bijava Singhji, K.C.I.E., of Dungarpur and Maharani Devendra Kunwar Saheba.

(i) Education

B.A. (Agra); M.A., LL.D. (Cantab); M.A., B.Litt, LL.D. (Dublin); D.Sc. (Law) Moscow; D.C.L. (Delhi); D.Litt, D.Phil. (Calcutta); awarded the Viceroy's Medal for the Diploma Examination and the Pinhey Medal for the B.A. examination of Agra University for standing first in first class; Barrister-at-Law (1942); awarded the Langdon Medal for distinction at the Bar-at-Law Examination by the Council of Legal Education, London (1943); Honorary Master of the Bench, Grays Inn, London (1974). Visiting Professor of International Law and Maritime Law at the Universities of Madras, Delhi and Bombay and Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge (1975).

(ii) Career in the Government of India

Appointed to the Indian Civil Service by the Civil Service Commissioners of London after an open competition examination held by the Commission in 1938 at which was awarded the Cama Prize by St. John's College, Cambridge, for high distinction. Member of the Constituent Assembly of India (1947-48); District Magistrate and Collector in Madhya Pradesh (1938-46); Regional Commissioner, Eastern States (1948); Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence (1955) and a member of the Imperial Defence College, London (I.D.C., 1951); Director-General of Shipping (1956-64) and Secretary to the Government of India, Transport Ministry (1965); Director-General All-India Radio (1949), Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (1964); Secretary to the President of India (1966-71); Chief Election Commissioner to the Government of India (1972).

(iii) Judicial Field

Constitutional Adviser to the Government of Bhutan (1970), Justice of the Peace (Bombay, 1958); Supreme Appellate Authority, Prize Court Law of India (1972).

Judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice in the Appeal relating to the Jurisdiction of the ICAO Council, 1972; elected Judge of the International Court of Justice by the General Assembly and Security Council of the United Nations as a Member of the Court for nine years from 6 February 1973; re-elected as Judge, International Court of Justice, from 6 February 1982 for another term of nine years; Vice-President, International Court of Justice (1976-79).

Member of "Institut de droit international" since 1963; Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague (since 1967); Member of the Governing Council of the International Institute for the

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Unification of Private Law (1963). Became in 1964 a member and in 1969 the leader of the Indian Delegation to the Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee; President of the Committee (1973); elected Vice-President of the Indian Law Institute (1983).

(iv) Environment

President of the Indian Academy of Environmental Law and Research - a national body affiliated as a Member of the I.U.C.N. with a regular vote; Deputy Chairman of the I.U.C.N. Commission on Environmental Policy, Law and Administration (CEPLA), Gland, Switzerland; Life Member of the Board of Governors of the International Council for Environmental Law (ICEL), Bonn, Germany; Member of the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, Geneva, 1984.

(v) Art and Culture

Invited by Unesco as Legal Expert (1983) for the revision of The Hague Convention 1954, "Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict"; invited by Unesco to address the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Convention on Cultural Property (1984). Founder of J.D.M. Trust on Protection of Cultural Heritage in Rajasthan. Life Member of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage.

(vi) International Organizations

Leader of the Indian delegations in various bilateral negotiations and at international conferences (1956-1973); Representative of India to the United Nations General Assembly in 1966, 1969 and 1971 for the Sixth Committee; Member (1966-1972) and Vice-Chairman (1969) of the International Law Commission; delegate to the Second Conference on the Law of the Sea (Geneva, 1960); Vice-Chairman (1969) and Chairman (1971) of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law; Leader of delegation to the meetings of the Shipping Group of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Geneva, 1965); Chairman of the Expert Group on Shipping of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (1965); President of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (1963-65); Vice-President of Brussels diplomatic conferences on maritime law (1961 and 1967); Chairman of the Legal and General Committee of the Load-Line Conference (London, 1966); President of the maritime session of the International Labour Organization (Geneva, 1970); Legal Expert appointed by Atomic Energy Agency (1960); Chairman of the First Commission of the Conference of Government Experts of the International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva, 1971 and 1972).

(vii) Miscellaneous

Accorded rank of Ambassador (1972); Padma Vibhushan (1973); Member of the Executive Council of the International Law Association (London); Member of the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of

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Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies; President of the Indian Society of International Law and of the Maritime Law Association of India; President of National Labour Law Association; elected Judge for the Templeton Foundation Awards (1982-85); elected Judge of the Court of Arbitration for Sports of the International Olympic Committee (IOC); LL.D. *honoris causa* of the Universities of Bhopal (1973), Kurukshetra (1975), Jodhpur (1976), Guru Nanak (1977), Punjab (1978) and Rajasthan (1982).

(viii) Human Rights and Peace

Member of the International Foundation for Human Rights, Paris.
Author of publication "Human Rights and the Future of Mankind", 1981.

(ix) Publications

Termination of Membership of International Organisations, 1958; Nuclear Weapons and International Law, 1959; Amendments to IMCO Constituent Instrument, Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Endowment Lectures, Andhra University, Waltair, 1959; "The International Law Problems of Merchant Shipping", Recueil des cours, Academy of International Law, The Hague, 1962; Defence Mechanism of the Modern State, 1963; British Shipping Law Series, Vols. 8 and 13, on Shipowners, 1967, and International Conventions of Merchant Shipping, 1973; The Legal Regime of Merchant Shipping, Trimbak Teland Lectures, Bombay University, 1968; Recent Trends in the Development of International Law and Organisation, Nehru Lectures, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 1969; Human Rights and International Co-operation, King Tribhuvan Lectures, University of Nepal, 1969; The Concept of Force and Organisation of Defence in the Constitutional History of India, 1969; Achievements of UNCTAD I and II in the Field of Invisibles, 1969; India and International Law, 1969; The State Practice of India in the Field of International Law, Vol. I, 1973; Bhutan, 1978; Commercial Law of India, 1975; Maritime Flag and International Law, 1978; Kingsley Martin memorial lecture, University of Cambridge, 1978. Sir Benegal Rau memorial lecture on Juristic Concepts of Ancient Indian Polity (1979) and Motilal Nehru lecture on Human Rights (1980). Lecture at the Institute of International Law at Thessaloniki, Greece, on "The Role and Record at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees" (1983) published by Macmillan, 1984. Contributed articles to law journals in India and abroad.

Annex 2 to Press Communiqué No. 85/4

Judge Guy LADREIT DE LACHARRIERE

(Member of the Court since 6 February 1982)

Born at Marseilles, France, on 27 June 1919.

Doctor of Law; holder of the diploma of the Ecole des Sciences Politiques; Licencié ès Lettres; holder of the certificate of the Ecole des Langues Orientales Vivantes; holder of the diploma of the Institut de Droit Comparé (Paris) for Russian legal terminology and translation.

Attached to the French Embassy in Moscow (1946-1948). Head of the Office of International Organizations in the Directorate-General for Cultural Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1948-1952). Permanent Delegate to Unesco and Secretary-General of the French delegation to the General Conference of Unesco (1948-1952).

Assistant Director of the Department of Social Sciences of Unesco (1952-1957).

From 1957 to 1979, occupied various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: served in and subsequently became Deputy Head of the Department of Economic Co-operation (1957-1963); Director of the Department of the United Nations and International Organizations (1964-1969); Director of Legal Affairs (1969-1979).

Counsellor of State on special service (1979-1982).

Represented France on several occasions at sessions of organs of the United Nations, in particular the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly.

Agent of France in the arbitration between France and the United Kingdom concerning the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf, in that of 1978 between France and the United States of America concerning the Franco-American Air Services Agreement, and in cases before the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

Vice-Chairman and permanent Head of the French delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1973-1982).

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (1975-1981).

Has taught at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of the University of Paris (since 1954), the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, the Hague Academy of International Law (1973), the Institut des Hautes Etudes internationales and the Faculty of Law of the University of Paris II.

Author of numerous works on international questions, including La politique juridique extérieure, 1983.