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## Press Release

It is with deep regret that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea announces the death of Judge and former President P. Chandrasekhara Rao on 11 October 2018.

Judge Chandrasekhara Rao was a Member of the Tribunal from 1996 until 2017 and its President from 1999 until 2002. Between 2000 and 2009 he served as President of the Special Chamber formed to deal with the *Case concerning the Conservation and Sustainable Exploitation of Swordfish Stocks in the South-Eastern Pacific Ocean*.

Born on 22 April 1936, Judge Chandrasekhara Rao received a Doctor of Laws from the University of Madras, India. He started his career at the Indian Society of International Law before joining the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

Judge Chandrasekhara Rao served, *inter alia*, as Legal Adviser to the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York (1972–1976), Secretary to the Union Ministry of Law (1988–1996), Head of Delegation to annual sessions of the International Seabed Authority, Kingston, Jamaica, and to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1996) before being elected to the Tribunal, on 1 October 1996, as one of its founding members.

The Members of the Tribunal pay tribute to Judge P. Chandrasekhara Rao's work as President and Judge over two decades at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and to his contribution to the development of international law of the sea.

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