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. Chandrasekhar Rao on 11 October 2018.

Judge Chandrasekhar 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 Chandrasekhar 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.


The Members of the Tribunal pay tribute to Judge P. Chandrasekhar 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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