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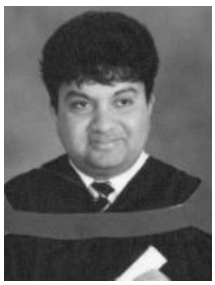

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Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne held the position of Senior Legal Officer at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) until he retired in 2013 after 23 years of service. As Senior Legal Officer, he headed the Treaty Office at ICAO and advised States on their registration and depository obligations with regard to international treaties and their adherence thereto. Prior to this position, Dr. Abeyratne worked, for 20 years in the Air Transport Bureau of ICAO where he rose to the rank of Acting Director, being responsible for safety, security environmental protection and economic issues of the Organization. Before joining ICAO he was, for 8 years at Airlanka, serving the airline as Chief Coordinator and Head of International Relations and Insurance.

Dr. Abeyratne, holds the degree of doctor of civil laws (DCL) from McGill University, the degree of doctor of philosophy (PhD) from the University of Colombo, the degree of master of laws (LL.M) from Monash University, Victoria, Australia, and the degree of bachelor of laws (LL.B) from the University of Colombo.

Dr. Abeyratne is the author of 24 books and more than 400 papers in academic and professional journals and edited volumes. Dr. Abeyratne's current academic research is focused on air transport economics and aviation and climate change.

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