

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

### MORAGODAGE CHRISTOPHER WALTER PINTO

*Moragodage Christopher Walter Pinto*, born on 17 November 1931 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

National of Sri Lanka. Read law at the University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya, and the Sri Lanka Law College, and specialized in international law at Magdalene College, Cambridge University. Attorney of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, and of the Inner Temple, Barrister.

Legal Officer International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna 1960-63. Attorney, World Bank, 1963-67. Legal Adviser and Head of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka 1967-76. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria 1976-80. Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN Conference on the Law of Treaties, Vienna, 1968-69. Representative of Sri Lanka in the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the UN General Assembly 1967-80. Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN Sea-bed Committee and to the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea 1968-82, and Chairman of the Sri Lanka Delegation 1980-81; Chairman of the Conference's Negotiating Group of the Whole on the international regime for the seabed beyond national jurisdiction 1971-75. Member of the UN International Law Commission 1973-81, and Chairman of the Commission 1980. Secretary-General of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, 1982 – 2011. Consultant of the Government of Sri Lanka on issues International Law.

Appointed by the Government of Sri Lanka to the *Permanent Court of Arbitration* in The Hague, to the List of Arbitrators and the List of Conciliators maintained by the *International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes* (World Bank), as well as to the List of Arbitrators maintained pursuant to Annex VII, and the List of Conciliators maintained pursuant to Annex V, of the *UN Convention on the Law of the Sea*. Appointed a member of the CIETAC (China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission) Panel of Arbitrators. Served as international arbitrator under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and as president in an arbitration between two Asian countries under Annex VII to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Member of the *Institut de Droit International* (since 1989). Member of the *International Law Association* (since 1994). Served for several years a Member of the Board of Trustees of the *International Ocean Institute* (Halifax, Canada/Malta), and lectured at training programmes conducted by the Institute, as well as at post-graduate courses given at the *Institute of Social Studies*, The Hague. As Visiting Professor at the *World Maritime University*, Malmö, Sweden, directed for several years the general course on the Law of the Sea. Co-founder of the *Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia*. Founding Co-Editor of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law*. Member of the Advisory Councils of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law*, the *Asian Journal of International Law*, the *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law*, and the *Sri Lanka Journal of International Law*.