

Witness Biography: *International Court of Justice*  
Nirupam Sen  
*India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations*



Background:

Nirupam Sen is the current Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. He was appointed to the position on June 16, 2004 and presented his credentials on September 17. Prior to being appointed, Nirupam Sen had been India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. He has previously headed Indian missions in Sofia and Oslo in Bulgaria and Norway.

What he adds to the case:

A two-day conference on Kashmir will be organized by the Kashmiri-American Council (KAC) and a sister organization at the U.N. headquarters in New York on February 24. The focus of the meeting is likely to be on the lack of attention being given to Kashmir by the international community. The Indian ambassador to the United Nations, Nirupam Sen, has been invited to address the conference but his acceptance is awaited.

View on the Issue:

Ambassador Nirupam Sen shares his view on the Kashmir situation with India, that India has a rightful claim to Kashmir and that India will only give up its claims based on certain conditions, one of which being that a UN Resolution subscribing a direct vote monitored by any third neutral party, with the understanding that Pakistan should first vacate its part of Kashmir.

Quote(s):

On the topic of the Campaign for next UN chief, "The convention is simply that permanent members do not have Secretary Generals. There is no convention to the effect that aspirants do not have Secretaries General. The expansion of the Security Council is an absolute imperative in order to reform the heart of the UN itself. The international decision making of the Security Council and secondly India's place as a permanent member, quite clearly as a policy objective is far more important than the fortunes of an individual,"-- Indian Ambassador Nirupam Sen was quoted as saying in press reports.

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