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Mr. Narendra K. Sabharwal, a national of India, was Deputy Director General, Cooperation for Development Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, from December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2009. He managed and supervised the development cooperation, technical assistance and capacity building program of WIPO in the area of intellectual property in all developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and countries- in- transition.

Mr. Sabharwal joined WIPO as Director of Asia and the Pacific Bureau in August 1991. He was responsible for development cooperation and technical assistance program and activities of WIPO in the countries of Asia and the Pacific region until March 2004. He functioned as the Coordinator of Internal Policy and External Relations Offices, WIPO, before taking over as Deputy Director General of the Organization.

He specialized in providing advice and assistance in establishing and developing intellectual property (IP) systems suited to the priorities, needs and resources of each country and the enterprise sector. His professional assistance included formulating IP policies and strategies for leveraging IP for development; designing legal framework in conformity with international treaties and agreements; building institutions; developing human resources; creating awareness and respect for IP rights, especially in the digital environment; and, promoting international and regional cooperation.

A member of the Indian Administration Service (IAS) since 1965, Mr. Sabharwal has held several senior positions in the State and the Central Governments in India in the ministries/departments dealing with district administration, personnel, finance, commerce, textiles and industrial development, among others. As Chairman of the UP State Textile Corporation, he supervised the setting up and operations of a large number of State and Cooperative textile spinning mills.

He has extensive professional experience in the fields of development planning, public finance, textile policy, trade promotion, industrial development and international cooperation. He was the leader or a member of several high level government delegations for promoting industrial cooperation between India and several countries and with UN agencies, negotiating textile agreements under MFA and IP negotiations in WIPO and WTO.

His educational qualifications include Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard University, the USA, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from Delhi University and Master of Arts (Economics) from Rajasthan University.