

H. E. David Miller (1932 – 2001)



The international community and legal fraternity lost a deeply committed colleague, representative and friend with the death of Ambassador David Miller in late August.

David was an internationalist by birth and by choice. Born in Srinagar in India, David moved with his family to England, Egypt and South Africa before settling in Kenya in the 1940s. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Business Administration followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1958.

In 1960, Ambassador Miller started his remarkably diverse and successful career in the Canadian diplomatic service. Over the next two decades, he had major postings in Johannesburg, Bonn and London. He also led many Canadian delegations and personally made major contributions to the negotiation and drafting of a wide range of key international agreements relevant to humanitarian and environmental law, as well other legal subjects such as the peaceful uses of outer space.

In 1982, David Miller was appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya as well as Canada's Permanent Representative to Habitat and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

After his retirement in 1992, he chose to remain in Kenya and continued to be active on international legal issues. He served as International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) Representative to the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, especially by maintaining close contacts to UNEP. We are thankful for his personal involvement in representing ICEL at many experts meetings and conferences in Nairobi and for the time he spent working on this journal.