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THE INTERDISCIPLINARY International Conference on **Shaping the Future By Law : Children, Environment & Human Health** was held in Vigyan Bhavan (International Conference Centre), New Delhi on March 21-25, 1994. The Conference was attended largely by participants viz, judges, jurists, academics, lawyers, children health experts, environmentalists, human health scientists, doctors, government officials and others. The large attendance, the wide coverage in the newspapers and television and above all success of the Conference reflects able leadership and great credit lie on the Organizing Committee and all those who attended enthusiastically and contributed by their intellectual calibre. The speeches of the of the high dignitaries who addressed the Opening Session on March 21, 1994 at Vigyan Bhavan have been published in this volume. It was a very special privilege that on this important occasion H.E. Dr. S.D. Sharma, President, The Republic of India, Hon'ble Mr. P. V. Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, Chief Justice of India and others addressed the inaugural ceremony.

The various plenary and concurrent sessions from March 22 - 25, 1994 were chaired and co-chaired by eminent people from different disciplines which made all the sessions very lively, fruitful and yielded pragmatic suggestions and recommendations leading to the emergence of the Recommendations of the International Conference published as a crucial part in this volume. The working programme of the Conference comprises of twelve Plenary and Concurrent Sessions

which are reported in this volume. The volume contains some 18 papers in children, 11 in environments, 11 in human health. All the papers circulated in the International Conference could not be printed due to financial and other limitations and those are not printed do not bear any ineligibility criteria and the ILI is grateful to every contributor of the paper who attended the Conference. The ILI is indebted to all the governmental and non-governmental organisations, the United Nations agencies, national and international institutions for all the assistance and cooperation in accomplishing the task of making the International Conference a great success. The programmes of reception, hospitality and social engagements are acknowledged gratefully. The Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan's Mughal Garden was a great opportunity to meet the Hon'ble President of India who very kindly met each and every delegate during the gracious occasion, for which ILI and the Organising Committee express a deep sense of gratitude. Mr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Union Minister of State for Law, Justice & Company Affairs addressed the closing ceremony on 25 March, 1994 for which we owe a debt of gratitude to him.

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