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UJA Recognized as the Indian Government Representative in NSW

On 7th March 2009 Mr. Yadu Dayal Consul at the Office of the Indian Consulate General of India in Sydney announced that in recognition of it's outstanding services to the community, United Indian Associations has been recognized as the representative of the Indian Government in NSW to address issues associated with Women of Indian origin.

Mr. Dayal was speaking at the UJA organized Women's Forum at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Center, Penrith to mark International Women's Day which is celebrated on 8th March. Citing the recent help provided by UJA to reunite with her parents, an Adelaide based Indian student who was suffering from terminal cancer, Mr Dayal said that UJA was the organization which came to the aid of this student. This gesture, he said, was an example of the help UJA provides the community and therefore there was no hesitation on the part of Indian Consulate General's office in Sydney to recommend UJA to be recognized as the representative of the Indian Government in NSW.

The Women's Forum was also attended by Hon. Virginia Judge, NSW Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Premier, Hon. Karen Pullazano, State M.P. for Penrith and Senator Doug Cameron.

Mrs. Sumati Advani, Chair of UJA's Women's Steering Committee welcomed the gathering and recalled the advances made by Australia in providing equal opportunities to Women but said that it is still a long way to go before ensuring that Women find their just place in the society.

Mr. Raj Natarajan, President of UJA reiterated the commitment of United Indian Associations to help the disadvantaged sections of the community, including women and thanked Mr. Yadu Dayal for his announcement in recognizing UJA as the representative of the Indian Government in NSW and at the same time wished Mr. Dayal, who is returning to New Delhi at the end of his tenure in Sydney, all the very best in his future endeavors.

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