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Professor Rubens Ricupero, a Brazilian national, served as UNCTAD's fifth Secretary-General from September 1995 to September 2004. Prior to his time with UNCTAD, Mr Ricupero had a long career with the Brazilian government, serving as Minister of the Environment and Amazonian Affairs and, in 1994 became Minister of Finance, a time during which he supervised the launching of the Brazilian economic stabilisation programme.

Mr Ricupero's diplomatic posts have included Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva (1987-1991); Ambassador to the United States of America (1991-1993); and Ambassador to Italy (1995). At GATT between 1989 and 1991, he served as Chairman of the GATT Council of Representatives; Chairman of the GATT Contracting Parties; Chairman of the GATT Committee on Trade and Development; and Chairman and Spokesman of the GATT Informal Group of Developing Countries.

Mr. Ricupero also headed the Brazilian delegations to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Conference on Disarmament, both in Geneva, and served as Chairman of the Finance Committee at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992.

Mr Ricupero was a Professor of Theory of International Relations at the University of Brasília from 1979 to 1995 and Professor of History of Brazilian Diplomatic Relations at the Rio Branco Institute from 1980 to 1995. He is the author of several books and essays on international relations, economic development problems, and international trade and diplomatic history. Professor Ricupero is currently Dean, Faculty of Economics, Fundação Armando Alvarez Penteado (FAAP), São Paulo.

Sir John Sulston

Professor Sir John Sulston, a citizen of the United Kingdom, is Chair of the Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation (iSEI), which was established at The University of Manchester with the mission to observe and analyse the role and responsibilities of science and innovation.

Sir John was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 2002 jointly with Sydney Brenner and Bob Horvitz, for the work they had done in understanding the development of the nematode (worm) *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

For more than 20 years, Sir John worked on the biology of *C. elegans*, studying particularly its cell lineage and its genome. Collaboration between his group and that of Bob Waterston in St Louis, Missouri resulted in the publication of the nematode DNA sequence in 1998.

Sir John Sulston was the Founder Director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Centre from 1992 to 2000, where one third of the task to sequence the human genome was completed. In 2002 he co-authored with Georgina Ferry *The Common Thread*, an account of the science, politics and ethics of the human genome project. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and an Honorary Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

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