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Easing supply chain bottlenecks for a sustainable future

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A career diplomat, she was the High Commissioner of Mauritius in India from August 2004 to May 2006, Head of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between October 2003 and August 2004. She was also coordinator of the World Summit of the Information Society at the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva from January to August 2003 after having been Deputy Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva between July 1996 and June 2002.

Experience:

1. Preparation of Heads of State visits to Mauritius (President & Prime Minister of India, Presidents of Mozambique, Madagascar and Kenya, the Pope).
2. Chairmanship of Joint Commissions (Mauritius-Madagascar, Mauritius-Kenya, Mauritius-South Africa, Mauritius-Comoros, Mauritius-Ghana).
3. Political Consultations (India, Switzerland).
4. Negotiations of bilateral and multilateral Agreements (India-Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty; India Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Partnership Agreement; Mauritius-China Free Trade Agreement).
5. Lobbying for Mauritius candidatures (African Union, Francophonie, Commonwealth)
6. Co-Chair – High-level Task Force Impact of Brexit on Mauritius

Mrs Dwarka-Canabady has a BA in Psychology, Sociology and English from the University of Leicester, an MA in International Politics from the University Libre of Brussels, and a Diplomatic Studies Program Certificate from the Graduate Institute International Studies in Geneva.

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