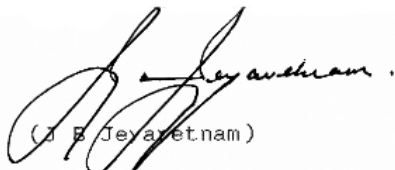


PRESS STATEMENT

The official Assignee has refused to grant me leave to go to Manila to appear before the Human Rights Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union which is meeting in Manila this week to deliberate on the Judgment of the Court of Appeal delivered in November last year refusing to discharge me from bankruptcy.

Inter-Parliamentary Union on the 23rd March 2002 had issued a resolution declaring that the bankruptcy proceedings against me suggested "...a clear intention to target (me) for the purpose of making (me) a bankrupt and thereby removing (me) from Parliament".

At their meeting in Manila they are examining, among other things, the refusal of the Court of Appeal in November of last year to discharge me. It was in connection with these deliberations that they wished to see me.



(J. B. Jeyaretnam)
6th April 2005