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Dr Takala joined the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as Chief Technical Adviser and Expert in OSH in Nairobi (Kenya) in March 1978 and then in Bangkok (Thailand) in June 1983. He held various positions in the ILO, including Chief of ILO's International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS) in September 1986; Chief of the Safety and Health Information Services Programme in January 1994 and Chief of the OSH Branch in June 1996. From 1 October 1999 to 15 September 2006, he was Director of the InFocus Programme on Safety and Health at Work and the Environment (SafeWork) of the International Labour Office. In that position he was in charge of setting up international law and supervising the implementation of existing Conventions, Recommendations and Resolution, such as Convention 81 on Labour Inspection, C 155 on Occupational Safety and Health, Convention on the Promotional Framework on Occupational Safety and Health, and the process leading to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, GHS.

Dr. Takala also worked in the metal industry and as an academic from 1968 to 1973. Prior to joining the ILO, Dr. Takala served the Government of Finland first as an Inspector, followed by posts of Safety Engineer, Chief Engineer and Chief of Machine Safety Bureau in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Ministry of Labour in Finland.

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