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Professor of International Law, Swedish National Defence College (SNDC) since 1997. Also professor at Stockholm University 1997-2005. Formerly Legal Adviser at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Expert in International Law on the use of force, the Law of the UN Charter (including the Law of Peace Operations), International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law, the law of Diplomatic Protection, Foreign Investment Law and International Claims.

Born 1943.

Doctor of Jurisprudence (Public International Law), Stockholm University 1979; awarded Readership (Assistant Professor) at the Faculty of Law, Stockholm University in 1983.

Assistant legal adviser at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs 1976-1982, Legal Adviser at the Legal and Consular Department of the Ministry from 1982 on, Special Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Public International Law (UD:s folkrättsrådgivare) and Assistant Under-Secretary (departementsråd) 1987-1993.

Dr Bring has represented Sweden in the Sixth (legal) Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations for a number of years. He participated in the Thomson/Blackwell humanitarian missions to former Yugoslavia reporting on treatment of prisoners in Bosnia to the Committee of senior Officials of the Conference of Security and Cooperation in Europe (1992-93). In March 1994 the Swedish Foreign Minister appointed him head of a human rights mission to China and Tibet, reporting to the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the Hague) and, since 2002, of the Swedish Academy of History and Antiquities (Vitterhetsakademien).

Dr Bring has published a considerable number of books and scientific papers, in the Swedish language one book on the Law of Disarmament (1987) and another on the United Nations Charter and World Politics (2002). His doctoral thesis on investment protection is summarized in the article "The Impact of Developing States on International Customary Law concerning Protection of Foreign Property", *Scandinavian Studies in Law* 1980. The second edition of his *International Criminal Law in Historical Perspective* was published in 2002. Among his articles could be mentioned "From Suez to Kosovo: A Dynamic View of the UN Charter" in *Liber Amicorum to Bengt Broms*, Helsinki 1999; "Should NATO formulate a Doctrine on Humanitarian Intervention?", *NATO Review*, October 1999; "The Westphalian Peace Tradition in International Law: From Ius ad bellum to Ius contra bellum" in *Essays in Honour of Professor L.C. Green, U.S. Naval War College International Law Studies*, Newport, Rhode Island, 2000; "Dag Hammarskjöld and the Issue of Humanitarian Intervention" in *Nordic Cosmopolitanism, Essays for Martti Koskenniemi*, Leyden 2003; "A Right of Self-Defence against International Terrorism?" in Diana Amnéus & Katinka Svanberg-Torpman (Eds), *Peace and Security, Current Challenges in International Law*, Lund 2004; and "Hugo Grotius and the Roots of Human Rights Law" in Jonas Grimheden and Rolf Ring (eds.), *Human Rights Law: Essays in Honour of Göran Melander*, Leiden/Boston 2006.

In October 1993 he was appointed professor of Public International Law at the University of Uppsala.

In February 1995 he was appointed Swedish Conciliator under the European Convention on Conciliation and Arbitration within the CSCE (now OSCE).

In December 1997 he was appointed Carl Lindhagen Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Stockholm University. He now serves as professor in international law at the Swedish National Defence College (Försvarshögskolan). He is a member of the Swedish Foreign Ministry Delegation on International Law (UD:s folkrättsdelegation). He is Chairman of the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association and was

until 2007 a member of the Council of the San Remo Institute of International Humanitarian Law.

In January 1998 he was commissioned by Sida, the Swedish International Development Authority (together with the Director of the Swedish Institute of International Affairs), to report on human rights, democracy and constitutional law developments in Vietnam.

In June 1999 the Swedish Government appointed him as a new Swedish member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (Permanenta skiljedomsstolen) in the Hague.

In December 2001 professor Bring was assigned by the Provincial Government of the Åland islands to write a book commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ålandic autonomy and self-rule. The book (119 p.) was published in August 2002 with the title: “Ålands självstyrelse under 80 år: Erfarenheter och utmaningar”.

In March 2004 he was elected a member of the The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities (Vitterhetsakademien).

As of July 2005 professor Bring is Head of the International Law Center of the Swedish National Defence College.

Since his doctoral thesis was on investment protection and international law he has been active in the field of commercial arbitration since the mid 1990's. Professor Bring has produced a number of evidence expert opinions in arbitration cases and in that context cooperated with Stockholm law firms, such as Mannheimer Swartling, Setterwalls and White & Case. In 2005 he was one of three arbitrators in Arbitration No. 126/2003 of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce between Petrobart Limited (Gibraltar) and the Kyrgyz Republic. The award was rendered in Stockholm on 29 March 2005.