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PREFACE

This volume completes the series of three volumes of the *International Law Reports* (63, 64 and 65) devoted exclusively to questions of State immunity. Between them, these volumes go a long way to bringing the *Reports* relatively up to date on one of the most heavily litigated topics in the field of international law.

The specialist nature of the volumes should not, however, lead to the assumption that they contain an exhaustive presentation of all State immunity cases. It should be recalled that previous volumes of the *International Law Reports* contain many earlier decisions on this topic rendered during the period covered by those volumes—as can readily be seen from a perusal of their indexes. Moreover, additional cases decided since the beginning of 1983 are already coming to hand. These will, of course, be reported in later volumes of these *Reports*. But so far as we have been able, we have sought to make this volume complete for the periods which it covers. These periods differ from country to country, though for all, except one decision from the German Federal Constitutional Court of 12 April 1983, the cut-off date has been 1 January 1983.

It will be observed that a number of cases are reported rather summarily. This is due either to our inability to secure a full original report or to the difficulty of obtaining a full translation of the original. In these cases our choice was, quite simply, between, on the one hand, omitting the item because the report falls short of the standard of completeness for which we strive and, on the other, printing the case in its short, albeit imperfect, form. We concluded that our readers would find it helpful to have some, rather than no, reference to the decision and we have acted accordingly. As we have had occasion to note in the past, the use of truncated versions of decisions appears to be acceptable in some jurisdictions and we have taken the pragmatic view that in such situations we must accept a compromise solution.

Assistance in the collection, translation and preparation of material for the volume has come from many sources.

- Mr Alan Arntsen translated the Argentine and Chilean cases from the Spanish;
- Mr Allen Hertz, Mr Michael Montgomery, Mr Horst Schade, Mr Christoph von Katte and Mr Tony Weir have between them translated most of the judgments delivered in the German language, whether from Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany or Switzerland. The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office also provided the translation of a German decision. Part of the *Charkow* case has been reprinted from *European Transport Law* with the kind consent of the Editor, Robert H. Wijffels.

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- Mr Philippe Ollivier and Mr Peter Xuereb have translated many of the judgments, originally rendered in French, from Belgium, France, Greece, Switzerland and Togo. Professor Joë Verhoeven provided the translation of one decision from Belgium originally given in Flemish.
- Mr Hilmar Foss translated the case from Iceland.
- Professor Antonio Cassese and his colleagues, Professor R. Barsotti, Dr A. Calamia and Mrs J. Mancò have selected, translated and summarized the Italian cases. The exception was the *Bulli* case, of which the translation was provided by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
- The Netherlands judgments were prepared by Mr Alan Stephens and Miss Klaske Visser on the basis of the English texts already published in the *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law* and the *Netherlands International Law Review*. This was done with the kind consent of the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague and its Director, Dr C. C. A. Voskuil.

We have been led to a number of cases, or been provided with important clarifications, by correspondence with Mr Georges R. Delaume, Professor H. Eek, Professor Rosalyn Higgins, Mr B. Nilsson, Professor P. Sanders, Professor Gunnar Schramm, Professor I. Seidl-Hohenveldern, Sir Ian Sinclair, Professor H. Steinberger, Mr A. D. Watts, Professor Prosper Weil and Dr Gillis Wetter.

The present volume has absorbed great editorial effort, more indeed than any other that the present Editor can recollect. Not only did special care have to be taken to identify and collect as many cases as possible from non-English language jurisdictions, but also much work was required to ensure that the translations should be of as high a quality as possible. The principal part of this additional burden has been borne by Mr Andrew Oppenheimer, M.A. (Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law, who has spent many weeks in making a large number of the translations from French and German, revising translations made by others, preparing virtually all the summaries in the volume, readying the work for the press, proofreading and, finally, making a highly detailed and informative index. All users of this volume will be much indebted to him for the great pains which he has taken over this labour. Mrs J. Oppenheimer prepared the Tables of Cases and of Treaties.

In addition, much time has been spent on the volume by members of the staff of the Research Centre for International Law in the University of Cambridge who are regularly engaged on the work of the *International Law Reports*, namely, Mr S. R. Pirrie, Research Fellow of Hughes Hall, Cambridge, Barrister-at-Law, and Mr Horst Schade,

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The *Reports* seek to include so far as possible the available decisions of every international tribunal, e.g. the International Court of Justice or *ad hoc* arbitrations between States. There are, however, some jurisdictions to which full coverage cannot be given, either because of the large number of decisions (e.g. the European Commission of Human Rights or the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations) or because not all the decisions bear on questions of public international law (e.g. the Court of the European Communities). In these instances, those decisions are selected which appear to have the greatest long-term value.

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A systematic effort is made to collect from all national jurisdictions those judicial decisions which have some bearing on international law.

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The basic policy of the Editor is, so far as possible, to present the material in its original form. It is no part of the editorial function to impose on the decisions printed in these volumes a uniformity of approach or style which they do not possess. Editorial intervention is limited to the introduction of the summary and of the bold-letter rubric at the head of each case. This is followed by the full text of the original decision or of its translation. Normally, the only passages which will be omitted are those which contain either statements of

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The material in this volume is of two kinds, material reproduced photographically and material which has been freshly set for this volume.

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Other material. The remaining material in the volume has been typeset for this volume. This includes all material specially translated into English for these *Reports* as well as some material in English which in its original form was not suitable for photoreproduction. The source of all such material is indicated by the reference to the "Report" in square brackets at the end of the case. The language of the original decision is also mentioned there. The bold figures in square brackets in the body of the text indicate the pagination of the original report. Small figures in square brackets within the text are indicators of footnotes which have been editorially introduced.

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