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PREFACE

Volume 96, the third volume of the *International Law Reports* to appear in 1994, contains more than fifty decisions from a range of national and international tribunals. The decisions of international tribunals include the latest opinions of the Arbitration Commission of the Peace Conference for the Former Yugoslavia, which deal principally with questions of State succession, two cases from the Court of Justice of the European Communities, two interesting and little-known decisions in *ad hoc* international arbitrations in the *Elf Aquitaine* and *Lafico* cases and the first decision of the Administrative Tribunal of the Asian Development Bank. The ever expanding international jurisprudence on human rights is represented by cases from the European Commission and Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights Committee. Decisions from national courts in the Netherlands and the United States have also been included.

We are indebted to the following publishers who have kindly permitted us to use photographic reproductions of decisions from the reports which they publish: the Court of Justice of the European Communities (*European Court Reports*), the European Commission of Human Rights (*Decisions and Reports of the European Commission of Human Rights*), the West Publishing Company (*Federal Reporter* and *Federal Supplement*) and the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company (*Lawyers' Edition of the United States Supreme Court Reports*).

The volume has again been the work of many hands. The cases from the Netherlands were selected by Mr Andrew Oppenheimer, Associate Editor for Civil Law Jurisdictions of these *Reports* and Fellow of the Research Centre for International Law. The English translations of these decisions have been extracted from the *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law* by kind permission of the TMC Asser Institute in The Hague and the Editors of the *Netherlands Yearbook*. Concise statements entitled "The facts" appear in the *Netherlands Yearbook* before the text of the relevant part of each judgment and these statements have formed the basis of the summaries prepared for this volume by Mr Anthony Morgan LL.M.

Ms Rosemary Rayfuse, LL.M., Lecturer in Law at the University of New South Wales, and Dr Alfred de Zayas, Visiting Professor at De Paul University, Chicago, were responsible for the cases from the United Nations Human Rights Committee. Ms Rayfuse also summarized the decisions from the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Mr Anthony Morgan prepared the summaries of the United States cases and the

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award in the *Lafico* arbitration. The award in *Lafico* was translated by Mr Oppenheimer. Ms Karen L. Lee, MA, contributed a number of summaries, prepared the Digest and the Tables of Cases and Treaties and gave invaluable general assistance. The Index was compiled by Miss Maureen MacGlashan. Mrs Marie Pepper was responsible for checking the copy and the proofs. Secretarial assistance was provided by Mrs Glen Howard, Miss Rebecca Webb and Mrs Jane Gilbert.

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The *International Law Reports* endeavour to provide within a single series of volumes comprehensive access in English to judicial materials bearing on public international law. On certain topics it is not always easy to draw a clear line between cases which are essentially ones of public international law interest and those which are primarily applications of special domestic rules. For example, in relation to extradition, the *Reports* will include cases which bear on the exception of “political offences” or the rule of double criminality, but will restrict the number of cases dealing with purely procedural aspects of extradition. Similarly, while the general rules relating to the admission and exclusion of aliens, especially of refugees, are of international legal interest, cases on the procedure of admission usually are not. In such borderline areas, and sometimes also where there is a series of domestic decisions all dealing with a single point in essentially the same manner, only one illustrative decision will be printed and references to the remainder will be given in an accompanying note.

DECISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS

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 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.

Human rights cases. The number of decisions on questions of international protection of human rights has increased considerably in recent years and it is now impossible for the *Reports* to cover them all. As far as decisions of international jurisdictions are concerned, the *Reports* will continue to publish decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as “views” of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights. Selected decisions of the European Commission of Human Rights will be printed, chosen by reference to the importance of the points at issue and their interest to public international lawyers generally. (All reports of decisions of the European Commission of Human Rights are published in an official series, the *Official Collection of Decisions of the European Commission of Human Rights*, as well as in the *European Human Rights Reports*). Decisions of national courts on the

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application of conventions on human rights will not be published unless they deal with a major point of substantive human rights law or a matter of wider interest to public international lawyers such as the relationship of international law and national law, the extent of the right of derogation or the principles of the interpretation of treaties.

International arbitrations. The *Reports* of course include arbitral awards rendered in cases between States which involve an application of public international law. Beyond this, however, the selection of arbitral decisions is more open to debate. As these *Reports* are principally concerned with matters of public international law, they will not include purely private law commercial arbitrations even if they are international in the sense that they arise between parties of different nationality and even if one of them is a State. (For reports of a number of such awards, see *Yearbook Commercial Arbitration* (ed. Pieter Sanders, under the auspices of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration)). But where there is a sufficient point of contact with public international law then the relevant parts of the award will be reported. Examples of such points of contact are cases in which the character of a State as a party has some relevance (e.g. State immunity, stabilization clauses, *force majeure*) or where there is a choice of law problem involving discussion of international law or general principles of law as possible applicable laws. The same criteria will determine the selection of decisions of national courts regarding the enforcement of arbitral awards.

DECISIONS OF NATIONAL TRIBUNALS

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 not 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 fact having no bearing on the points of international law involved in the case or discussion of matters of domestic law unrelated to the points of international legal interest. The omission of material is usually indicated either by a series of dots or by the insertion of a sentence in square brackets noting the passages which have been left out.

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DIGEST OF CASES

With effect from Volume 75 the decisions contained in the *Reports* are no longer arranged according to the traditional classification scheme. Instead a Digest of Cases is published at the beginning of each volume. The main headings of the Digest are arranged alphabetically. Under each heading brief details are given of those cases reported in that volume which contain points covered by that

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