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INTRODUCTION

Arbitral tribunals and *ad hoc* committees set up under the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States administered by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes have produced a large number of awards and decisions. In recent years, through the Additional Facility mechanism, their number has increased substantially, and their contribution to both the substance of international investment law and the procedure of international arbitration grows in importance. Chapter 11 arbitration under NAFTA will increasingly contribute its share; so too do the increasing number of *ad hoc* arbitral decisions under bilateral and regional investment treaties. Moreover many of these cases raise vital issues of investment protection and relate to fundamental questions of the relations between national and international law.

Article 48(5) of the ICSID Convention provides that the Centre shall not publish an award without the consent of the parties thereto. In the absence of an official series of reports of these texts, a number have appeared unofficially, from time to time, in a variety of publications in different parts of the world. For those who wish to refer to these awards and decisions in a systematic manner, this diffusion has been a source of difficulty which has only been partially remedied by the provision of selected decisions on the ICSID website. There remains considerable value in collecting and presenting this material in a single publication accompanied by summaries, tables of cases and with a detailed cumulative index. Some of the texts have previously been available only in French or Spanish, and it has been thought desirable to make these available in English.

The novelty and importance of the concepts introduced and applied within ICSID, and more generally in the field of international investment arbitration, fully warrant the ever-growing literature dedicated to them. It is our hope that the present series will encourage even greater use of this developing system.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The *ICSID Reports* contain decisions rendered by arbitral tribunals and *ad hoc* committees set up within the framework of the Centre established pursuant to the ICSID Convention (including those rendered by ICSID tribunals established pursuant to bilateral investment treaties) and other decisions, whether judicial or arbitral, relating to such proceedings. These are accompanied by a full scholarly apparatus and index.

Volume 1 contains, in addition to the Basic Texts of the ICSID system, decisions in cases commenced during the period 1972 to 1981. Volume 2 contains material relating to proceedings commenced between 1981 and 1983, and Volume 3 contains the first three proceedings commenced in 1984. Volume 4 contains the texts of decisions and awards relating to ICSID cases commenced between 1984 and 1992. Volume 5 contains available texts of decisions and awards for proceedings commenced between 1992 and 2000, and Volume 6 contains those commenced between 1995 and 2001. Volume 7 contains decisions and awards for arbitration proceedings commenced between 1997 and 2002. These cases are now printed in chronological order according to the date of the main award or the date of the first reported stage of proceeding. All the proceedings relating to any given case are, so far as possible, assembled together in their own chronological order.

The awards and decisions in these *Reports* are reproduced, to the greatest extent possible, in the form in which they were handed down. Editorial intervention is limited to the introduction of a summary and of a bold-letter rubric at the head of each case. These are followed by the full text of the original decision, if available, or its translation. No attempt has been made to tamper with the texts by purporting to correct any errors or clarify obscurities of expression.

Attempts have been made to obtain the full text of all awards and decisions. Where only excerpts are available these have been reproduced. Any omission of material is indicated either by a series of dots or by the insertion of a sentence in square brackets stating the nature of the passage which has been omitted. Should the full text of a previously excerpted or omitted decision or award subsequently become available it will be published in a later volume in the series.

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