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PREFACE

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As the length of this volume attests, international environmental law has become a substantial field during its relatively brief history. The *Handbook* aims to take stock of the field as a whole, exploring its core assumptions and concepts, basic analytical tools, and key challenges. Although it focuses on international environmental *law*, it examines international environmental law from a broader policy and theoretical perspective, drawing on insights from other disciplines such as political science, economics, and philosophy. In doing so, it aims to strike a balance between practice and theory. Each chapter is a free-standing essay that examines an issue that is central to current scholarly debates or policy development. At the same time, the *Handbook* is structured as a whole to provide readers with both a ‘bigger picture’ of international environmental law and a more in-depth understanding of its preoccupations. In our view, this approach is particularly important at a time in the development of international environmental law when the emergence of increasingly specialized sub-fields obscures unifying themes and cross-cutting challenges.

Editing a volume with more than 40 authors might seem a daunting task, but, in this case, it has been a pleasure, thanks to the exceptional group of scholars and practitioners who agreed to contribute to the *Handbook*. We could not have asked for a more talented, knowledgeable, and reliable group of colleagues, who always remained good humoured through what often must have seemed like an interminable editorial process. For us, it has been a privilege to work with them.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAU	assigned amount unit
AIA	advanced informed agreement
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATS	Antarctic Treaty System
BAN	Basel Action Network
BAT	best available technique/technology
BATNEEC	best available technology not entailing excessive costs
BEP	best environmental practices
BINGO	business and industry non-governmental organization
BNFL	British Nuclear Fuels Ltd
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
CalPERS	California Public Employees' Retirement System
CASCO	(ISO) Committee on Conformity Assessment
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBDR	common but differentiated responsibilities
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCSBT	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CEC	(NAAEC) Commission for Environmental Cooperation
CEM	continuous emissions monitoring
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation/European Committee for Standardization
CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization
CER	certified emission reduction
CERES	Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies
CFC	chlorofluorocarbon
CIEL	Center for International Environmental Law
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
COP/MOP	Conference of the Parties/Meeting of the Parties

DAWN	Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era
DOE	designated operational entity
DSU	(WTO) Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes
EATS	emissions and allowance tracking system
EB	executive board
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Community
ECG	(OECD) Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees
ECJ	Court of Justice of the European Communities
ECOSOC	(UN) Economic and Social Council
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EIA	environmental impact assessment
EICC	Electronic Industry Code of Conduct
EMAS	(EU) Eco-Management and Audit Scheme
EMEP	Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe
EMS	environmental management system
EPA	(US) Environmental Protection Agency
ERU	emission reduction unit
ETS	emissions trading system
EU	European Union
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community
FEI	Fédération Economique Internationale
FMD	foot and mouth disease
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
GAD	gender and development
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GESAMP	Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution
GHG	greenhouse gas
GLP	good laboratory practice
GMO	genetically modified organism
GPA	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAF	International Accreditation Forum