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This book is dedicated to a great pioneer of space law: Dr. Eugène Pépin, the late Honorary President of the International Institute of Space Law, for outstanding achievements in the development of international law and his unremitting endeavours to ensure that outer space activities will be carried out for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of mankind.

Preface

The favourable reception enjoyed by my *Introduction to Air Law* since it was first published in 1982 has been a great encouragement for me to start work on a similar edition dedicated to space law, for which there seemed to be an equally pressing need. Its aim, like its predecessor's, is to give students as well as the general reader some orientation and practical guidance, in this case in the evolution, legal framework and organizational structures of this younger branch of international law.

Another stimulus was my being able to rely once again on the inspiring collaboration of Mr. W.A. Frowein for translating and editing the text in English, and Mr. G.C. van Straaten, who took care of the extensive bibliography and the footnotes with perfect devotion and accuracy.

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Preface to the Second Edition

This second edition of *An Introduction to Space Law*, like the first, is meant to give both students and the general public an idea of the rules and the latest developments in space law.

In the process of updating and editing the book the excellent collaboration of Mr. W.A. Frowein and Mr. G.C. van Straaten has, once again, been a source of encouragement and assistance to me, for which I am duly grateful. A special word of thanks I also owe to the International Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Leyden, The Netherlands, which has always been ready to inform me about recent developments, while the availability of the library has greatly facilitated the work.

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Preface to the Third Edition

This third edition of *An Introduction to Space Law*, like the first and second, is meant to give both students and the general public an idea of the rules and the latest developments in space law.

In the process of updating and editing the book I am duly grateful for the cooperation with Prof. Dr. V. Kopal and Mr. G.C. van Straaten. Since 1999 great developments have taken place in space law which are incorporated in this new edition.

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List of Principal Abbreviations and Acronyms

AJIL	American Journal of International Law
(C)ADIZ	(Canadian) Air Defence Identification Zone
CNS/ATM	Communication Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management system (ICAO)
COPUOS	Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space
COSPAR	Committee for Space Research
CSLA	Commercial Space Launch Act
D(T)BS	Direct (Television) Broadcasting by Satellite
(E)EC	European Economic Community
ESA	European Space Agency
FANS	Future Air Navigation System
GSO	Geostationary Orbit
GPS	Global Positioning System
Hudson	International Legislation (Hudson)
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions
IGA	Intergovernmental Space Station Agreement (1988)
IISL	International Institute of Space Law of the IAF (International Astronautical Federation)
ILA	International Law Association
ILM	International Legal Materials
IMO	International Meteorological Organization
ISMA	International Satellite Monitoring Agency
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JALC	Journal of Air Law and Commerce
LNTS	League of Nations Treaty Series
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NPS	Nuclear Power Source
RFDA	Revue Française de Droit Aérien et Spatiale
RGA(E)	Revue Générale de l'Air (et de l'Espace)

SALT	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
SPS	Solar Power Satellite
SRS	Satellite Remote Sensing
TIAS	Treaties and other International Agreements of the United States
(UN)COPUOS	(United Nations) Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space
UN(GA)	United Nations (General Assembly)
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series
UST	United States Treaties
WARC	World Administrative Radio Conference
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
YUN	Yearbook United Nations
ZLW	Zeitschrift für Luftrecht (und Weltraumrecht(sfragen))

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