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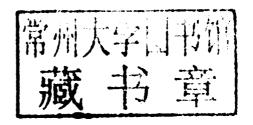
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The conference brought together many experts, academics and practitioners. This facilitated a comprehensive illumination of the varied and diverse interactions that take place between judicial or arbitral means and diplomatic or political means of dispute settlement. This volume includes the contributions of the Symposium speakers as well as of other authors.

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#### Introduction

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The settlement of international disputes has been one of the most researched fields of international law since the adoption of the Charter of the United Nations. The obligation to settle international disputes through peaceful means, raised to the category of one of the fundamental purposes and principles of the Organisation,<sup>1</sup> has contributed to the development of the practice of traditional means and the multiplication of new ones. Consequently, doctrine has followed this path. Indeed, major studies exist on both diplomatic and judicial means of settling disputes. Some have a general scope, covering the full array of available means<sup>2</sup> or a significant portion of them.<sup>3</sup> Others focus on a specific method (e.g. mediation<sup>4</sup> or inquiry<sup>5</sup>) or on a given area of international law (e.g. human rights,<sup>6</sup> environmental law,<sup>7</sup> international trade<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Article 1, paragraph 1 and Article 2, paragraph 3 of the UN Charter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See e.g. J. G. Merrills, International Dispute Settlement (Cambridge University Press, 5th ed., 2011); J. Collier, A. V. Lowe, The Settlement of Disputes in International Law (Oxford University Press, 1999); United Nations, Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes between States (New York: United Nations, 1992).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See e.g. R. Mackenzie, C. Romano, Ph. Sands, Y. Shany, The Manual on International Courts and Tribunals (Oxford University Press, 2010); C. Brown, A Common Law of International Adjudication (Oxford University Press, 2007); C. Gray, Judicial Remedies in International Law (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See e.g. J. Bercovitch (ed.), Resolving International Conflicts: The Theory and Practice of Mediation (London: Lynne Rienner, 1996).

See e.g. N. Bar-Yaacov, The Handling of International Disputes by Means of Inquiry (Oxford University Press, 1974).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See e.g. L. Burgorgue-Larsen, A. Úbeda de Torres, The Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Case Law and Commentary (Oxford University Press, 2011); P. Leach, Taking a Case to the European Court of Human Rights (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See e.g. T. Stephens, International Courts and Environmental Protection (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

See e.g. D. Palmeter, P. C. Mavroidis, Dispute Settlement in the World Trade Organization. Practice and Procedure (Cambridge University Press, 2nd ed., 2004); E.-U. Petersmann, The GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement System (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1997).

or foreign investment<sup>9</sup>). Yet, relatively little attention has been devoted specifically to the interaction between diplomatic and judicial means of international dispute settlement.

This basic observation lies at the origin of the symposium held in October 2010 at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, on 'Diplomatic and Judicial Means of Dispute Settlement: Can They Get Along?', co-organised by the American Society of International Law (ASIL), the European Society of International (ESIL), the Latin-American Society of International Law (LASIL), the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, and the Graduate Institute, Geneva. The ground to be covered was vast and challenging, but we were fortunate enough to have the presence of many distinguished academics and practitioners who, thanks to their expertise, addressed a wealth of issues with great insight. The present volume is a revised and expanded version of the proceedings of that Symposium. Its purpose is to provide academics and practitioners with a tool that lays the ground for the analysis of the interaction between diplomatic and judicial means of settling international disputes as well as to offer an initial assessment of its implications for several areas of international law. Its structure and content are based on three main considerations.

First, to facilitate the observation of the interaction between diplomatic and judicial means, it seemed reasonable to take the temporal sequence typical of judicial means as a matrix of reference. For clarity, this choice neither implies nor amounts to establishing a hierarchy of relevance between these two types of means. Rather, it acknowledges a fairly structured framework of reference common and familiar to both academics and practitioners and employs it as an observational standpoint.

Thus, the book uses this sequence as its backbone. The first section explores interactions at the initiation of proceedings, whereas the second and third sections dwell, respectively, on such interactions during judicial proceedings and at the time of implementing a judicial/arbitral decision. The fourth section offers a variety of transversal perspectives cutting across more than one of the preceding sections.

The second consideration underlying the conception of the present volume stems from the crucial challenge of identifying the substantive areas most concerned by the interactions between diplomatic and judicial means. In order to be comprehensive, one would have to cover all areas of international law, which was of course not possible within the limits set for this book. A selection was therefore necessary. In this regard, acknowledging the importance of the proliferation of international courts and tribunals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See e.g. D. Bishop, J. Crawford, M. Reisman, Foreign Investment Disputes: Cases, Materials and Commentaries (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2005).