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PREFACE

Although the past ten or fifteen years have witnessed the production of an enormous amount of literature relating to the law of the sea, there appears to be no single book in English which gives an up-to-date introduction to the subject as a whole. It is this gap in the literature which the present work seeks to fill. This book therefore attempts to give an introductory survey not only of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, but also of the customary and conventional law which supplements it. In covering such a large body of law in a relatively small number of pages our discussion of many topics has had to be more concise than we would ideally have wished. To economise on space, we have been sparing with footnotes, and in particular we give references to the sources of conventions and cases only in the tables at the front of the book and not in the text itself. As a guide and, we hope, a stimulus to further reading and research, a select list of recommended books and articles in English and French appears at the end of each chapter. As far as possible, we have tried to state the law as at the end of 1982. References to the text of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention have been taken from the text as published in volume 21 of International Legal Materials, page 1245 (1982).

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ABBREVIATIONS

AD	Annual Digest of Public International Law Cases
AJIL	American Journal of International Law
ALR	Australian Law Reports
Art.	Article
BYIL	British Yearbook of International Law
Cmnd.	Command Paper
CSC	Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf, 1958
CTS	Consolidated Treaty Series
DLR	Dominion Law Reports
EEZ	Exclusive economic zone
EFZ	Exclusive fishing zone
ER	English Reports
FAO	(United Nations) Food and Agriculture Organisation
GA	(United Nations) General Assembly
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HSC	Geneva Convention on the High Seas, 1958
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICLQ	International and Comparative Law Quarterly
IJIL	Indian Journal of International Law
ILC	(United Nations) International Law Commission
ILM	International Legal Materials
ILO	(United Nations) International Labour Organisation
ILR	International Law Reports
IMCO	(United Nations) Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative
	Organisation
IMO	(United Nations) International Maritime Organisation
IOC	(United Nations) Intergovernmental Oceanographic
	Commission
Jessup	P. C. Jessup, The Law of Territorial Waters and Maritime
	Jurisdiction, New York, 1927
<i>JMLC</i>	Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce
Limits in the Seas	Limits in the Seas, published by the Geographer, United
	States Department of State
LNTS	League of Nations Treaty Series
LOSC	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982
LOD	I am Ourantente Davis

Law Quarterly Review

LOSC LQR

MARPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution

from Ships, 1973

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Moore, Int. Arb. J. B. Moore, History and Digest of the International

Arbitrations to which the United States has been a Party, 5

vols., 1898

ND New Directions in the Law of the Sea, ed. R. R. Churchill

et al., vols I-XI, 1973-81

NYIL Netherlands Yearbook of International Law

ODAS Ocean data acquisition systems

ODIL Ocean Development and International Law
OJEC Official Journal of the European Communities
PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice

Receuil des Cours Receuil des cours de l'Académie de droit international (The

Hague)

Rep. Reports
Res. Resolution

RGDIP Revue générale de droit international public

RIAA United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards

SOLAS Safety of Life at Sea (Conventions)

TIAS Treaties and other International Acts Series

TSC Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and the

Contiguous Zone, 1958

UKTS United Kingdom Treaty Series

UN United Nations

UNCITRAL United Nations Commission on International Trade Law UNCLOS I First United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

1958

UNCLOS II Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

1960

UNCLOS III Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

1973 - 82

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UN Leg. Ser. United Nations Legislative Series (see p. 21 below)

UNTS United Nations Treaty Series

UST United States Treaties and other International Agreements

VJIL Virginia Journal of International Law

Whiteman, Digest of International Law, 15 vols.,

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