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Introduction

It is a privilege to present the American Bar Association Section of International Law's eleventh annual review of international legal developments. In the years since its inauguration the annual review has come to hold a unique place in international legal writing, bringing together distinguished practitioners and scholars from around the world to produce a single-volume review of developments of interest to the international lawyer. This year's review is the product of the work of over two hundred and fifty authors from thirty-nine countries. Thirty-seven topic areas are covered. As in years past, the scope of the review is 'international law' writ large, encompassing not only developments within classical, public international law, but also comparative and regional developments across a wide range of specialized areas. To my knowledge, no other publication offers such a broad review of global legal developments.

The production of this volume is the work of literally hundreds of people. First and foremost are the authors, who volunteer their time and effort *pro bono publico*. Without their work, there would be no annual review. They deserve our deepest thanks. Recognition must also be given to the student editors at the Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University. It is their hard work and long hours that transform the individual sections into a unified volume. In particular, Dr. Elizabeth M. Koehler, Managing Editor of *The International Lawyer*, deserves special praise for her tremendous efforts and good humor in making this project a reality. Likewise, Dean Christine M. Szaj of the Dedman School of Law deserves particular acknowledgement for her help and support throughout the preparation of this issue, as do Danielle Yaryan, administrative assistant to the International Law Review Association, and Professor Mark Wojcik, Publications Officer of the Section of International Law. Finally, I owe particular thanks to Nancy Eisenhauer for her patient encouragement and constant good sense.

There is little point attempting an overview or summary of the topics covered in this issue. It is not the sort of volume that one typically reads from beginning to end. Instead, it is a volume that will reward one's curiosity and, hopefully, stimulate it further. Pick a topic and begin.

