

EDITORIAL NOTE

This 1970–1979 Index for *International Legal Materials* has been gestating much longer than we anticipated. We sincerely apologize for the delay and hope you will agree that the additional time has produced a reference tool that makes the raw material of ILM during the past decade alive and accessible and more useful than when we first carried the documents in ILM.

We have included entry into force dates for treaties and agreements or, if they had not yet entered into force as of a certain date, have indicated that date so the researcher can pursue his own investigation of entry into force. This ten-year index contains over 100 general subject headings as well as conferences, countries, geographic areas, and international organizations. These are conveniently listed to enable the user to identify quickly the category most likely to contain the information sought. Acronyms used throughout the index are defined. A list of “Negotiating Conferences Reported” provides a reference to the exact title, place, and time of international negotiating conferences held during this period. The “Table of Cases Reported” from international tribunals and national courts provides citations to official reporters when attainable. The US cases are tracked from beginning to end and include all available citations even though some documents may not have been reproduced in ILM. References to information contained in ILM prior to 1970 are included when thought to be especially useful to the researcher.

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