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## Foreword

The edition of this new Commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is as timely as it will be welcome to both academics and practitioners working in the fields of the law of the sea and oceans governance. After more than 35 years since the adoption of the Convention, there is an urgent need for an updated evaluation of its provisions and of the practice that has emerged regarding its implementation.

The conclusion of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was a milestone achievement on the part of the international community of States. Their negotiations at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea resulted in a regime for the governance of the oceans which was unprecedented in its scope and comprehensiveness. Quite rightly, the Convention is therefore being called a 'Constitution for the oceans'. Nevertheless, the Convention cannot and has never been intended to provide an answer to every issue arising in connection with the use of the oceans and their governance. In effect, it is a framework treaty which has proved to be a flexible instrument serving as a solid foundation for the further progressive development of a legal regime for the oceans.

The Convention is a 'living' instrument and is subject to an ongoing process of change and adaptation to new challenges. Such development is being achieved through negotiation of new instruments supplementing the regime established by the Convention as well as through interpretive implementation of the Convention. This has been demonstrated by the conclusion of two highly important implementing agreements, namely the 1994 Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1992 and the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. This process may well continue in the future, as evidenced by resolution 69/292 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 19 June 2015 and concerning the development of 'an internationally legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction'.

Progressive development of the legal regime established by the Convention is, however, not limited to the adoption of new legal instruments. It is also accomplished through interpretive implementation of the Convention. Such development may take the form of State practice developing a uniform approach to the implementation of specific provisions of the Convention acquiring general recognition. It may also be fostered by the practice of international institutions competent to administer parts of the Convention's regime and by the jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals entrusted under the Convention to settle disputes concerning its interpretation or implementation.

Over the years, the three institutions established by the Convention, namely the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, through their activities and, in the case of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, through its jurisprudence, have made a substantial contribution, within the areas of their competence, to the progressive development of the international regime established by the Convention. The role of international judicial bodies is of particular relevance with regard to the many provisions of the Convention which are the result of compromises found during negotiation and which, as a consequence, leave room for ambiguities and differences of understanding. Those provisions in particular require evolutionary interpretation and this role is performed, on many occasions, by international courts and tribunals when adjudicating individual contentious cases or when rendering advisory opinions.

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The wealth of developments which have occurred since the entry into force of the Convention and which have shaped the practice relating to its implementation require careful and in-depth analysis and evaluation. This is the task and challenge on which the new Commentary is focusing. It will thereby complement the already existing Commentary edited by the Center for Oceans Law and Policy of the University of Virginia. Both works will be relevant for academics and practitioners alike. The Virginia Commentary, with its focus on the legislative history of the Convention, will continue to provide insights into the development of the Convention's provisions while the new Commentary puts an emphasis on analysing each provision of the Convention and its Annexes, element by element. It will give particular consideration to the practice regarding the implementation of the Convention as developed by States and international organizations as well as to the jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals.

Thus, the new Commentary will serve all those who are called upon to contribute to the implementation and interpretation of the Convention and to ensure proper compliance with its provisions. It will also offer valuable information to those involved in ongoing or future negotiations on new instruments supplementing the Convention.

The preparation of the new Commentary is also welcomed because we need to ensure proper compliance with the provisions of the Convention in the light of new developments which, on the one hand, enhance our ability to use ocean resources but, on the other, require particular attention to be paid to the preservation and protection of the marine environment.

Let me therefore express my appreciation to the editors and contributors as well as to the publisher for their efforts in preparing and publishing this Commentary, which will establish itself as one of the standard works on the international law of the sea.

November 2016

Judge Vladimir Golitsyn  
President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

## Preface

When I first discussed the idea of launching a new commentary on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) with participants of the Fourth J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium that took place at Utrecht University in November 2008, I had a general idea of the challenges that would come along with the process of editing such a volume, but certainly did not expect the project to take almost ten years. The reasons why it took such a long time for the book to finally become a reality are manifold. It is per se not a simple task to coordinate a scientific book project involving more than 60 authors from many different regions in the world. More importantly, the establishment of national research councils and the like, which require scientists and researchers to give account of their past activities on an annual basis, delays, or even endangers, every research project that, as is the case with Commentaries such as the present one, does not fall within the categories identified by these institutions as representing 'proper' research. It seems to me that the stereotyped approach on which these schemes are based ultimately results in compromising freedom of science rather than creating incentives for innovative research.

Notwithstanding these challenges, it is my sincere wish to use this opportunity to stress that it has been a privilege and pleasure to work together with such a distinguished group of legal practitioners, scholars and researchers in the context of the present book project. I am also indebted to the publishing houses C.H. Beck, Hart and Nomos, and in particular to Dr. *Wilhelm Warth*. As responsible person for the commentary series, Dr. *Warth* has been my main point of contact at C.H. Beck over all these years. He encouraged me to keep going with the project at times when I doubted that it would ever become a reality, and granted me all flexibility and support that an editor needs when conducting a research project of this magnitude. Together with *Thomas Klich*, he also kindly offered to compile the table of cases, the list of abbreviations and the index. Furthermore, I would like to cordially thank the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – DFG) for generously supporting the book project by way of a research grant. Last but not least, I owe a great debt of gratitude to my assistant editors. *Amber Maggio*, *Eike Blitza* and *Oliver Daum* (in order of degree of involvement) were, amongst many other issues, in charge of developing, adapting and applying the editorial guidelines, of communicating with the authors, but also of assisting me in safeguarding the scientific quality of the individual contributions to this Commentary. Without their input, perseverance and commitment, which went far beyond what can generally be expected from research associates that are additionally engaged in writing their PhD theses, this book would have not come into existence. They were supported at different stages of the project by a number of student researchers, namely *Felix Bode*, *Sara Cordes*, *Hannah Jentgens*, *Lara-Christin Meinert*, *Anika Natus* and *Martin Weiler*. *Killian O'Brien*, former research associate at the Walther-Schücking Institute for International Law at Kiel University, also deserves special mention for his assistance and input in the initial phase of the project prior to my move to Trier University.

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The UNCLOS, which has convincingly been labelled the 'constitution for the oceans' (*Tommy T.B. Koh*), is the most comprehensive and certainly one of the most important and influential international treaties ever concluded. One of the central aims of this Commentary is to show that its terms offer much more than one would initially expect, and that it thus constitutes a living instrument (without denying the need to further develop the requirements codified therein) capable of addressing challenges that were not anticipated at the time

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of its negotiation and adoption. I sincerely hope that this book will prove to be a useful tool for both researchers and practitioners in accessing the Convention, understanding the meaning of its provisions, and applying it in a lawful manner in practice.

Trier, November 2016

*Alexander Proelss*

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## Abbreviations

<b>A</b>	
A&E .....	Ammunition and Explosives
ABE-LOS .....	Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea
ABNJ .....	Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program
AC .....	Appeal Cases
ACCOBAMS .....	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area
ACP .....	African, Caribbean and Pacific
AFDI .....	Annuaire Français der Droit International
AIDCP .....	Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program
AJEL .....	American Journal of Environmental Law
AJIL .....	American Journal of International Law
AnDrMer .....	Annuaire du Droit de la Mer
AnnIDI .....	Annuaire de l'Institut de Droit International
AoA .....	Agreement on Agriculture
Art. ....	Article
Asian JIL .....	Asian Journal of International Law
ASIL .....	American Society of International Law
ASR .....	Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts
ATBA .....	Area To Be Avoided
AVR .....	Archiv des Völkerrechts
AWPPA .....	Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act
AWZ .....	Ausschließliche Wirtschaftszone
<b>B</b>	
BARCON .....	Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Seas against Pollution
BAT .....	Best Available Technology
BBNJ Working Group .....	Ad Hoc Open-Ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction
BDGVR .....	Berichte der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht
BEP .....	Best Environmental Practices
BN .....	Bundesamt für Naturschutz
BOEMRE .....	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement
BSFP .....	Boating Safety and Facilities Program
BWM .....	International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments
BYBIL .....	British Year Book of International Law
<b>C</b>	
CBD .....	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCAMLR .....	Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCAS .....	Convention for the Conservation of Arctic Seals
CCBSP .....	Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea
CCS .....	Carbon Capture and Storage
CCSBT .....	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CDEM .....	Construction, Design, Equipment and Manning
cf. ....	confer
CFC .....	Chlorofluorocarbon
Ch. ....	Chapter
CHS .....	Convention on the High Seas
CITES .....	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CJEU .....	Court of Justice of the European Union

## Abbreviations

CJICL .....	Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law
CLCS .....	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
CMATS Treaty .....	Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea
CMS .....	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
COLREGs .....	Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
Colum J. Transnat'l L. ....	Columbia Journal of Transnational Law
COP .....	Conference of the Parties
CPD .....	Common Depth Point
CPUCH .....	Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage
CSC .....	Convention on the Continental Shelf
CTS .....	Canada Treaty Series
CTSCZ .....	Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone
CWILJ .....	California Western International Law Journal
CWRJIL .....	Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law
CYIL .....	Canadian Yearbook of International Law
	<b>D</b>
DOALOS .....	Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
Doc. ....	Document
Dods. ....	Dodson's Admiralty Report
	<b>E</b>
e. g. ....	exempli gratia (for example)
E.R. ....	All England Law Reports
EBSAs .....	Scientific Criteria for Identifying Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Areas in Need of Protection in Open-Ocean Waters and Deep Sea Habitats
EC .....	Electronic Chart/European Community
ECAFE .....	Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ECDIS .....	Electronic Chart Display and Information System
ECJ .....	European Court of Justice
ECOSOC .....	UN Economic and Social Council
ECR .....	European Court Reports
ECS .....	Extended Continental Shelf
ECtHR .....	European Court of Human Rights
ed./eds. ....	editor/editors
edn. ....	edition
EEZ .....	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFZ .....	Exclusive Fishing Zone
EIAs .....	Environmental Impact Assessments
EMSA .....	European Maritime Safety Agency
ENC .....	Electronic Navigational Chart
EnvtlPolyL .....	Environmental Policy and Law
et seq. ....	et sequentia (and that which follows)
EU .....	European Union
EUNAVFOR .....	European Union-led Naval Force
EurUP .....	Zeitschrift für Europäisches Umwelt- und Planungsrecht
	<b>F</b>
F.Supp. ....	Federal Supplement, 2nd Series – U.S. Federal Case
FAO .....	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
Florida JIL .....	Florida Journal of International Law
FOCP .....	Foreign Office Confidential Print
	<b>G</b>
GA .....	General Assembly
GA. J. Int' l & Comp. L. ....	Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law
GAIRS .....	Generally Accepted International Rules and Standards
GAOR .....	UN General Assembly Official Records
GATT .....	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDS .....	Geographically Disadvantaged States

## Abbreviations

GEF .....	The Global Environment Facility
GESAMP .....	Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
GFCM .....	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
GIELR .....	Georgetown International Environmental Law Review
GPA .....	Global Programme of Action
GYIL .....	German Yearbook of International Law

### H

HELCOM .....	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission
HMS .....	Highly Migratory Species
HNS .....	Hazardous and Noxious Substances
HSSC .....	Harmonized System of Survey and Certification
HVDC .....	High Voltage Direct Current

### I

IAEA .....	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAG .....	International Association of Geodesy
IASS .....	Institute for Advanced Sustainable Studies
IATTC .....	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
ibid. ....	ibidem (in that very place)
IBRU .....	International Boundaries Research Unit
ICAO .....	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICCAT .....	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
ICCAT .....	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICES .....	International Council for the Exploration of the Seas
ICJ .....	International Court of Justice
ICLQ .....	International Comparative Law Quarterly
ICLR .....	International and Comparative Law Review
ICNT .....	Informal Composite Negotiating Text
ICOA .....	International Coastal and Ocean Organization
ICRW .....	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
IDDRI .....	Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations
IHB .....	International Hydrographic Bureau
IHO .....	International Hydrographic Organization
IJECL .....	International Journal of Estuarine and Coastal Law
IJMCL .....	International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law
ILA .....	International Law Association
ILC .....	International Law Commission
ILM .....	International Legal Materials
ILR .....	International Law Reports
IMCO .....	Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization
IMLI .....	International Maritime Law Institute
IMO .....	International Maritime Organization
Int Crim L Rev .....	International Criminal Law Review
IOC .....	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOLR .....	International Organizations Law Review
IOTC .....	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IPCC .....	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISA .....	International Seabed Authority
ISBA .....	International Seabed Authority
ISNT .....	Informal Single Negotiating Text
ITLOS .....	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
ITU .....	International Telecommunication Union
IUCN .....	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
IUU .....	illegal, unreported and unregulated
IWC .....	International Whaling Commission
IWGMP .....	Intergovernmental Working Group on Marine Pollution

### J

JARPA .....	Japan's Southern Ocean Whaling Program
J. Transnat'l L. & Pol'y .....	Journal of Transnational Law and Policy

## Abbreviations

JDI .....	Journal du Droit International
JIL .....	Journal of International Law
JMOA .....	Journal of Maritime and Ocean Affairs
JSpace L .....	Journal of Space Law
<b>L</b>	
LAT .....	Lowest Astronomical Tide
LDC .....	Least Developed Countries
LJIL .....	Leiden Journal of International Law
LL .....	Land-locked
LLGDS; LL/GDS .....	Land-locked and Geographically Disadvantaged States
Lloyd's Rep. ....	Lloyds Law Reports
LLS .....	Land-locked State
LN .....	League of Nations
LN Docs .....	League of Nations Documents
LNTS .....	League of Nations Treaties Series
LOS [Convention] .....	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
LOSB .....	Law of the Sea Bulletins
LOSIC .....	Law of the Sea Information Circular
LR .....	Law Review
LTE .....	Low-tide Elevation
<b>M</b>	
m .....	metre(s)
MARPOL .....	International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships
MCA Convention .....	Convention in the Determination of the Minimal Conditions for Access and Exploitation of Marine Resources within the Maritime Areas under Jurisdiction of the Member States of the Sub-Regional Fisheries Convention (MCA Convention)
McGill Int'l J. Sust. Dev. & Pol'y Melb.J.Int'l L. ....	Mc Gill Journal on Sustainable Development and Policy Melbourne Journal of International Law
MFN .....	Most Favoured Nation
MN .....	Margin Number
MoU .....	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA .....	Marine Protected Area
MPEPIL .....	Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law
MPYUNL .....	Max Planck Yearbook on United Nations Law
MSR .....	Marine Scientific Research
MSY .....	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>N</b>	
NAFO .....	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NAMMCO .....	North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission
NASCO .....	North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC .....	North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NG .....	Negotiating Group
NGO .....	Non-governmental Organization
NIEO .....	New International Economic Order
NILR .....	Netherlands International Law Review
NM .....	Nautical Mile
NordÖR .....	Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht in Norddeutschland
NORDREG .....	Northern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone Regulations
Notre Dame L.Rev. ....	Notre Dame Law Review
NPAFC .....	Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean
NPFC .....	North Pacific Fisheries Commission
NSCR .....	Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement
NSHC .....	North Sea Hydrographic Commission
NuR .....	Natur und Recht
NYIL .....	Netherlands Yearbook of International Law

## Abbreviations

NYUJILP .....	NYU Journal of International Law and Politics
NZJEL .....	New Zealand Journal of Environmental Law
<b>O</b>	
OCLJ .....	Ocean and Coastal Law Journal
OCT .....	Organization of Communication and Transit
ODAS .....	Ocean Data Acquisition Systems
ODIL .....	Ocean Development and International Law
OEG .....	Operational Experts Group
OILPOL .....	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil
OJ .....	Official Journal
OPPRC .....	Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation
OSPAR Convention .....	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
OSY .....	Optimum Sustainable Yield
<b>P</b>	
PCA .....	Permanent Court of Arbitration
PCASP .....	Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel
PCIJ .....	Permanent Court of International Justice
PD .....	Practice Directions concerning Civil Appeals in the Court of Appeal
PICES .....	North Pacific Marine Science Organisation
PLOS .....	Public Library of Science
POPs .....	Persistent Organic Pollutants
Prepcom .....	Preparatory Commission
PROFISH .....	World Bank Global Program on Fisheries
PSC .....	Port State Control
PSI .....	Proliferation Security Initiative
PSSA .....	Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas
<b>R</b>	
RabelsZ .....	Rabels Zeitschrift für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht
RCADI .....	Recueil des Cours de l'Académie de Droit International de La Haye
RdC .....	Recueil des Cours de l'Académie de Droit International de La Haye
RECIEL .....	Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law
Res. ....	Resolution
RFMO .....	Regional Fisheries Management Organization
RGDIP .....	Revue Générale de Droit International Public
RIAA .....	Reports of International Arbitral Awards
RINA .....	Registro Italiano Navale
RMP .....	Revised Management Procedure
RMS .....	Revised Management Scheme
RSNT .....	Revised Single Negotiating Text
RSP .....	Regional Seas Programme
<b>S</b>	
s. ....	section
S.Ct. ....	Decisions of the US Supreme Court
San Diego LRev .....	San Diego Law Review
SBSTTA .....	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SDC .....	Seabed Dispute Chambers
SEAFO .....	South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
SENC .....	System Electronic Navigational Chart
Sess. ....	Session
SFS .....	Straddling Fish Stocks
SIMPLY .....	Scandinavian Institute's Maritime and Petroleum Law Yearbook
SIOFA .....	South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
SIPRI .....	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
SOLAS .....	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974
SPRFMO .....	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

## Abbreviations

SRFC .....	West African Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission
StanfordELJ .....	Stanford Environmental Law Journal
STWC .....	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
SUA .....	Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
Suppl. ....	Supplement
SYBIL .....	Singapore Yearbook of International Law
T	
TAC .....	Total Allowable Catch
Tex. Int'l L.J. ....	Texas International Law Journal
TS .....	Treaties Series
TSS .....	Traffic Separation Schemes
U	
U. Miami L. Rev. ....	University of Miami Law Review
UKTS .....	United Kingdom Treaty Series
UN .....	United Nations
UN DOALOS .....	United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea
UNC .....	Charter of the United Nations
UNCED .....	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHE .....	United Nations Conference on the Human Environment
UNCLOS .....	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCLOS I .....	First United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
UNCLOS II .....	Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
UNCLOS III .....	Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD .....	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP .....	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP .....	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO .....	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCO (IOC) .....	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFSA .....	Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (United Nation Fish Stocks Agreement)
UNGA .....	United Nations General Assembly
UNICPOLOS .....	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
UNIDO .....	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNTS .....	United Nations Treaties Series
V	
VCCR .....	Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
VCLT .....	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
VCLTIO .....	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations
VJIL .....	Virginia Journal of International Law
vol. ....	volume
VPD .....	Vessel Protection Detachments
W	
WCPFC .....	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WGBOSV .....	Working Group on Ballast and Other Ship Vectors
WILJ .....	Wisconsin International Law Journal
WIPO .....	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMD .....	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WMO .....	World Meteorological Organization
WTO .....	World Trade Organization

## Abbreviations

	<b>Y</b>
YaleJIL .....	Yale Journal of International Law
YIEL .....	Yearbook of International Environmental Law
YIL .....	Yearbook of International Law
	<b>Z</b>
ZaöRV .....	Zeitschrift für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht
ZUR .....	Zeitschrift für Umweltrecht



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