

PREFACE

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As this manuscript goes to press, I serve as Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel. However, the main parts of the book were written before I started to work for the Ministry, and the views expressed in the book are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the Ministry.

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