

A GUIDE TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

In this study, frequent reference will be made to the *travaux préparatoires* of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. The Convention was, essentially, prepared by the International Law Commission, which appointed four successive Special Rapporteurs: messrs. Brierly, Lauterpacht, Fitzmaurice, and Waldock. Their reports will be numbered consecutively, in keeping with usual academic practice. Thus, Brierly's first report will be referred to as Brierly I, his second as Brierly II, *et cetera*.

All reports prepared by the Special Rapporteurs have been published in the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, each in the second volume of the yearbook. The first volume of each yearbook contains records of discussions that took place within the ILC, and, starting in 1950, most yearbook issues also contain records of discussion on the law of treaties, based on the reports prepared by the Special Rapporteurs. However, not all yearbooks contain such discussions. The Lauterpacht reports, e.g., were never discussed; the ILC was too busy preparing other conventions. Discussions within the ILC will be fully footnoted.

The work was continued by a conference organized under auspices of the United Nations: the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties. The Conference, due to the complicated nature of the topic, met in two sessions, both of which took place in Vienna. The first was held in 1968, and its records were published as UN Doc. A/Conf.39/11. These records will be referred to as 1 *Official Records*, following the reference system employed by Vierdag.¹

The records of the second conference (which took place in 1969) will be referred to as 2 *Official records*; they were published as UN Doc. A/Conf.3-9/11/Add.1. The official documents pertaining to the Conference, which have been published as UN Doc. A/Conf.39/11/Add.2, will be referred to as 3 *Official Records*. In order not to create overly extensive footnotes, we have, as a rule, refrained from referring to the exact meeting of either the Commit

¹ See E.W. Vierdag, "The law governing treaty relations between parties to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and states not party to the Convention", 76 *AJIL* (1982), 779-801.

tee of the Whole, or the Plenary, or the International Law Commission. It is thought sufficient to simply refer to page numbers and paragraph numbers.