

FOREWORD

This *Liber Amicorum* brings together 28 essays especially written by international lawyers based in or associated with the Netherlands and Belgium to honour Professor Paul de Waart on his retirement from the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. The international law communities in the Low Countries are linked through many bonds such as language (Dutch and Flemish), legal history, common teachers and frequent inter-university contacts. As such the book may also be viewed as a reflection of international law studies as they are currently practised in these two countries.

The topics are clustered around the main foci of the research interests of Paul de Waart, including: international economic law and development, human rights, international criminal jurisdiction, the United Nations and peace and security, the protection of cultural property and the environment, and international dispute settlement. The editors extend their sincere gratitude to the friends and colleagues who have contributed to this book and to Annebeth Rosenboom of Kluwer Law International.