

PREFACE

In 1975, at the request of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, dr. Kurt Herndl and I directed the research activity of the two Sections (French-speaking and English-speaking) of the Hague Centre for Studies and Research, devoted that year to the discussion of "Legal Problems Pertaining to Peace-Keeping". The close co-operation between both the Directors and the students of the two Sections, the excellent research facilities, the lively and passionate discussions in the seminars, enhanced by the friendly and congenial atmosphere, concurred to stimulate the presentation of valuable papers on the part of most of the participants. A great contribution to the general discussion was provided by a series of lectures delivered by outstanding scholars (Professor B. V. A. Röling, Groningen University; Dr. R. Higgins, London School of Economics and Political Science; Professor M. Lachs, then President of the International Court of Justice and Mr. A. Pillepich, then First Secretary of the Court). On balance it appeared that the scientific results achieved were extremely satisfactory, so much so that it was decided to publish a collection of some of the best contributions together with the lectures delivered by Professor Röling and Dr. Higgins—which luckily had been recorded—and the final lecture given by one of the Directors.

The papers included in this volume, submitted in 1975, have subsequently been revised and updated and those which were originally presented in French have been translated or rewritten in English to meet the demands of the Publisher.

The editor wishes to stress that he has only endeavoured to coordinate the various papers though it has been difficult to achieve a high level of coordination. In particular, it has been impossible to keep the various authors informed of the final version of all the other contributions. In a few cases the editor has felt it advisable to urge some authors to give a more detailed demonstration of the arguments advanced, without of course interfering in any way with their ideas: the contributors deserve full credit—and bear all responsibility—for the views expressed in their papers.

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