

Foreword

The author wishes to submit this work to the reader in the full knowledge that the current episode in the development of the law of the sea, involving the evolution and elaboration of the concept of the exclusive economic zone, has yet to be brought to fruition. While, therefore, the study could not be said to constitute an analysis of the *lex lata* on this subject, it is hoped, nonetheless, that it may at least be of some value in assessing the applicable rules, conventional or otherwise, which may eventually emerge.

The modest nature of the contribution which, it is hoped, this study will make to the literature on the development of the law of the sea is not, however, to be taken as a reflection of the valuable assistance which the author has received, both at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, and elsewhere, during the research and preparation of the manuscript. To all these persons, I express my deep gratitude.

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