

EDITOR'S NOTE

The *Proceedings* of the July 22-24, 1993 ASIL/NVIR Joint Conference, "Contemporary International Law Issues: Opportunities at a Time of Momentous Change", contain an impressive collection of comments by scholars, practitioners and students on a number of contemporary public and private international law issues.

The records of panels, round-tables, breakfast meetings and addresses in these *Proceedings* do not merely reproduce what was actually said at the Conference, but are based on papers submitted by the panelists and verbatim transcriptions of the sessions. I was entrusted with the task to mix papers and verbatim transcriptions so that the spirit of the sessions at the Conference would be reflected in the *Proceedings*. The editing process consisted of several stages. After attending the Conference, I received the papers of the panelists and the verbatim transcription of the sessions, as edited by the reporters. Departing from the papers submitted I used parts of the verbatim transcription to remould papers and verbatim transcription into coherent records of panels, round-tables, breakfast meetings and addresses. For reasons of consistency, some papers and reports had to be modified, whereas space limitation required others to be shortened. Notwithstanding this, the *Proceedings* do appear to have captured the thrust of the contributions of the participants.

There are several persons I am grateful to for their assistance in preparing the *Proceedings*. I wish to thank the reporters without whose valuable work it would not have been possible to complete the immense task of editing the *Proceedings*. Also, I am indebted to Paul Peters for his excellent suggestions on the draft of these *Proceedings*.

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