

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

Five years have passed since publication of the first edition of this bibliography. During this period the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III) and was opened for signature at Montego Bay, Jamaica in December 1982. The Convention represents a slight net gain for the world's thirty land-locked countries in its provisions for transit to and from the sea, but a disastrous loss for them in its provisions for access to the resources of the sea. Both UNCLOS III and its results have focused more attention than ever on the very real problems emanating from a country's lack of a seacoast. Thus, as had been anticipated, the need for a bibliography on the subject has greatly increased, as has the production of material suitable for inclusion therein.

In retrospect, the first edition of this bibliography looks very primitive indeed. Not only have I collected a great deal more material since then, but I have also learned a lot more about the subject — as a representative of the International Law Association and advisor to the delegation of Nepal at UNCLOS III, as consultant to UNDP on its project to assist the land-locked countries of southern Africa, as a member of UNCTAD's Group of Experts on the subject in 1984, and as an independent scholar and researcher. This edition reflects all of these experiences in both its breadth and depth and in its much improved format.

The introduction to the first edition is reproduced here because it remains valid and should be read, especially by first-time users. Some additional comments, however, seem appropriate here. First, the format is improved: each item, except for United Nations documents, is now numbered, there are two indexes to aid in locating the numbered items, and the forms of periodical entries have been improved. Errors in the first edition have been corrected and a few items which had been tentatively listed with an asterisk (*) have been removed since I determined after locating them that they were not relevant. United Nations documents are listed in chronological order under the agencies that issued them; so are the documents issued by other inter-governmental organizations. Where known, the names of the authors of these documents are shown after the titles. Items in all other categories are listed by author and, in the case of anonymous materials, by title. Many United Nations documents listed here may also be found in the annual reports of the agencies that issued them; these annual reports and the official records of agencies and major conferences (such as UNCLOS III) should also be checked for briefer items not included in this bibliography.

A number of new categories of materials have been added: Studies Produced by UNCTAD Field Projects (most of them restricted), Miscellaneous United Nations Documents and Publications, Documents and Publications of Other Intergovernmental Organizations, Consultants' Studies done for governmental and intergovernmental agencies, and, in an appendix, a list of relevant resolutions of various United Nations organs. Some of these items may be difficult to obtain, especially field reports, consultants' studies and UN R documents, but the effort is generally worthwhile since these items contain a wealth of factual material about the transit traffic of land-locked countries difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. Restricted items may be made available to the serious researcher by permission of the issuing agency and/or governments involved.

As in the first edition, periodicals include only those issued bimonthly or less frequently and a very few monthlies of reasonably high quality. When an article is summarized in one or more languages other than the original, that fact is noted at the end of the entry. Some periodicals regularly appear in more than one language. Where this is known, the entry appears in both languages. In the case of Review of International Affairs (Belgrade), however, since it is issued in several language versions, generally only the English version is cited. Most of these articles, however, appear in the other language versions as well.

The introduction to the first edition contained a list of related topics within which may be found much useful material on problems of land-lockedness. Additional ones would include individual regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations; individual international highways, railways and canals; and international rivers, especially the Rhine, Danube, Niger, Senegal and Paraguay.

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