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This book is based on the proceedings of the Fourth J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium and took place at Ghent on 22-23 November 1984. This series of international law symposia is named after professor Jan Verzijl, who held the chair of public international law at Ghent University between 1918 and 1958, to recognize the important contributions he made to the study and practice of international law.

The Third J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium, which was held in December 1981, took place 11 years after the previous Verzijl symposium. The lively exchange and stimulating exchanges of views at the Third Symposium confirmed that too much time had passed since the previous Symposium. Having now held the Fourth J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium, we are looking forward to continuing to convene the Symposium on a more regular basis. The Fourth Symposium again confirmed the attractiveness of the Symposium's format. Well in advance of the Symposium, four reporters submit a fully developed draft of their presentations, allowing the four commentators and other participants time to form an opinion. This format of the Symposium was, we feel, appreciated by all participants, who actively took part in the debate that followed after the presentations of the reporters and commentators.

In drawing up the final versions of their reports and commentaries, the contributors to the present proceedings could profit from these discussions. This book contains the texts of the four reports presented at the Symposium (by Julio Trevés, Fulvio Strozzi, Richard Barnes and Rosemary Raynor respectively) with such changes as the authors saw fit to make in the light of the debate at the Symposium. It also includes the main commentaries of David Owen, Neil Mary-Lock, Andrew Senior and Fergal Long, orally submitted by participants and the luncheon speech by the Vice-President

¹ For an account of the life and work of professor Verzijl see G.J. van den Broek, *Jan Verzijl 1878-1958 (1878-1958) (Nieuw-Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*.

² The proceedings of the three symposia have been published (see also *Journal of International Arbitration, Past and Future* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Dordrecht) and *W.I.L.J. Yearbook of International Economic Law and Trade Law* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Dordrecht) and *A.G. Oude Elberink (ed.), Stability and Change in the Law of the Sea: The Impact of the Convention on the Law of the Sea* (Kluwer, Dordrecht, 1982)).