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Preface

The present volume is a 'Combined Report' of the Twenty sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and the Thirtieth Sessions of the Asian African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) held at Bangkok (1987), Singapore (1988), Nairobi (1989), Beijing (1990) and Cairo (1991) respectively.

The substantive subject items listed on the agenda of these Sessions were : (i) Law of the Sea (ii) Environmental Protection (iii) Status and Treatment of Refugees (iv) Deportation of Palestinians in Violation of International Law Particularly, the Geneva Conventions of 1949 (v) Elements of a Legal Instrument on Friendly and Good Neighbourly Relations between the States of Asia and the Pacific (vi) Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property (vii) Legal Criteria for the Distinction Between Terrorism and the People's Struggle for Liberation (viii) UN Decade of International Law (ix) Concept of Peace Zone (x) Law of International Rivers (xi) Attachment of Assets of Foreign Governments (xii) Responsibility and accountability of Former Colonial Powers (xiii) Mutual Cooperation on Judicial Assistance : Extradition of Fugitive Offenders (xiv) Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (xv) International Trade Law : (A) Industrial Joint Ventures (B) Debt Burden of Developing Countries.

The research studies prepared by the Secretariat of the AALCC on the selected agenda items have been reproduced in the present Report. This is intended to provide the researchers, government officials and institutions, an overview of the work of this Committee during these years. Brief background introductory notes have been given to indicate the stage of progress on each subject along with

the Committee's work in these areas.

Since the mimeographed Report and the Verbatim Record of each Session of the AALCC are regularly issued by the Secretariat immediately after the conclusion of every Session, the need to publish research-oriented Reports is considered desirable and this practice will be followed in future issues. A new format has been adopted with this issue of the Report to bring to light the Committee's research work in different areas of international law.

It may also be mentioned here that due to financial constraints it had not been possible to publish separate Reports in time during the above period, i.e., from the Twenty Sixth to the Thirtieth Session of the AALCC

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