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## Book Review of the Yearbook of the International Law Commission

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The 34 members of the International Law Commission are charged by the United Nation's General Assembly to promote the progressive development of international law and its codification. Created in 1947, the ILC prepares draft conventions on subjects either not yet regulated by international law, or those for which the law is not well developed. Its codification efforts are intended to systematize international law where there already exists extensive state practice, precedent, and doctrine. The ILC's draft articles

have formed the basis of numerous international conventions, including the Geneva Conventions on the Law of the Sea. The 1992 *Yearbook of the International Law Commission* focuses on the Commission's activities during its 44th session.

The yearbook provides a thorough record of the Commission's activity. Volume 1 covers summary records of the meetings of the session. Volume 2 (part 1) supplies reports of special rapporteurs, and the texts of other documents considered during the session. Volume 2 (part 2) contains the Commission's report to the General Assembly, including draft articles approved by the Commission during the year. In addition to listing the 34 members of the Commission and its officers, volume 1 includes the Commission's agenda and a listing of multilateral conventions cited during the session. The detailed meetings of the session discuss debate over establishment of an international criminal court and state responsibility for internationally wrongful acts. The report provides a paragraph-by-paragraph listing of proposed, amended, and adopted articles.

Volume 2 furnishes a summary of the debate over the Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind, and an account of the working group's deliberations on international criminal jurisdiction. The report also lists draft articles on State Responsibility for International Crimes, a summary of the debate on those articles, and a synopsis of the debate over International Liability for Injurious Consequences Arising Out of Acts Not Prohibited by International Law, and other decisions and conclusions of the Commission. The *Yearbook* provides essential source material for those who research public international law, and should be found in all serious international law collections.—**James S. Heller**