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## **Local Remedies in International Law** *Second Edition*

This work examines the local remedies rule historically and particularly in modern international law. Not only is the customary international law discussed but the application, *inter alia*, of the rule conventionally to human rights protection and generally to international organizations is also covered. It is as comprehensive a treatment on the subject as can be. The law is dealt with in the light of State practice and the jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals. The author not only examines the jurisprudential basis of the rule and its established aspects but ventures into some important areas, such as the incidence of the rule, the limitations on its application, the burden of proof and the relevance of the rule to procedural remedies, in which the law is not so clear. The work also concerns itself with the interests of the international community and the interests of justice in relation to the rule. While there is a strict adherence to the requirements of juristic exposition and analysis, where the law has been more or less determined, the author does not hesitate to offer criticism and to make suggestions for the improvement of the law in the light of modern policy considerations. The work takes into account the recent reports of the International Law Commission which have not hitherto been examined in relation to the rule.

The second edition is a considerably expanded version of the first. There is not only updating and additional material, but additional subjects, such as State contracts and bilateral investment treaties, are included.

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## Preface

In the preface to the first edition of this book I wrote:

In the introductory chapter of this book I have attempted to justify its publication in spite of the apparently vast literature that already exists on the subject. It is hoped that it will not be regarded as yet another book on local remedies. The primary intention was to bring some element of clarification to and fresh insight into a rather confused but inviting area of the law of State Responsibility. This is all the more important now, particularly in view of the great increase of the flow of investment across national frontiers and the ease with which international travel is possible.

This still remains true for this second edition of the work. It must be emphasized that individuals as aliens, because of the ease of travel, are as much affected by the rule of local remedies as foreign legal persons.

The second edition, like the first, is concerned with the *rule of exhaustion of local remedies* which came into existence in the context of diplomatic protection of aliens. Like the first, again, therefore, this edition does not deal in general with the place of remedies given by national courts in settling disputes involving breaches of international law but is confined to investigating specifically the *rule of exhaustion of local remedies* as it has developed, first, in connection with the diplomatic protection of aliens and, secondly, by extension peripherally to other areas of international law, such as human rights protection and the law relating to international organizations.

Not only has there been updating and revision in the second edition in the light of developments since the publication of the first, but the format has been changed, as will be seen from a reading of the contents pages. Notably, (i) a new Chapter 5 has been introduced dealing with the all important subject of *contracts* involving aliens, (ii) the application

of the rule to human rights protection, as updated and revised, has been included in a single chapter (Chapter 13) rather than spread throughout the book, and (iii) the former Appendix, as updated and revised, dealing with international organizations in the context of the rule has been converted into Chapter 14. Moreover, the book has been divided into five parts, which makes the analysis and discussion more systematic and easier to understand. Further, comments made by some reviewers which were thought to be in need of treatment have been taken into account in this second edition.

The bibliography which appeared in the first edition has been omitted. As has been pointed out, a bibliography is unnecessary in a treatise of this nature which to a large extent did break and does break new ground. The references in the footnotes to other material is completely adequate. Indeed, the bibliography was unnecessary for the first edition. It is not proposed to continue to publish what is superfluous.

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## Abbreviations

AAA	American Arbitration Association
AALCC	Asian African Legal Consultative Committee
AdV	<i>Archiv des Völkerrechts</i>
AFDI	<i>Annuaire français de droit international</i>
AIDI	<i>Annuaire de l'Institut de Droit international</i>
AJIL	<i>American Journal of International Law</i>
Ann. Dig.	<i>Annual Digest of Public International Law Cases</i> (now ILR)
Ann. Rep. IACoMHR	<i>Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights</i>
ArchivDP	<i>Archivio di Diritto Pubbico</i>
ASDI	<i>Annuaire Suisse de Droit International</i>
BFSP	<i>British and Foreign State Papers</i>
BIT	bilateral investment treaty
BPIL	<i>British Practice in International Law</i>
BViss	<i>Bibliotheca Visseriana</i>
BYIL	<i>British Yearbook of International Law</i>
CAT	Committee Against Torture
CE doc.	Council of Europe document
CERD	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CERN	European Organization for Nuclear Research
CJEC	Court of Justice of the European Communities
CLR	<i>Columbia Law Review</i>
COE	Council of Europe

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Collection	<i>Collection of Decisions of the European Commission of Human Rights</i>
CTC	Commission on Transnational Corporations (UN)
CTS	<i>Consolidated Treaty Series</i>
CYIL	<i>Canadian Yearbook of International Law</i>
D&R	see <i>Decisions and Reports</i>
De La Pradelle-Politis, RAI	<i>Recueil d'arbitrages internationaux (1954)</i>
<i>Decisions and Reports</i>	<i>Decisions and Reports of the European Commission of Human Rights</i>
EC	European Communities
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
EComHR	European Commission on Human Rights
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECR	<i>European Court Reports</i>
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EPIL	<i>Encyclopedia of Public International Law</i>
EPO	European Patents Organization
ESO	European Space Observatory
Eurocontrol	European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)
GA	General Assembly of the United Nations
GAOR	<i>General Assembly Official Records</i>
GST	<i>Grotius Society Transactions</i>
Hackworth, <i>Digest</i>	<i>Hackworth, Digest of International Law (1943)</i>
<i>Hague Recueil</i>	<i>Recueil de Cours of the Hague Academy of International Law</i>
HRC	Human Rights Committee (established under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)
HRJ	<i>Human Rights Journal</i>
HRLJ	<i>Human Rights Law Journal</i>
Hyde, <i>International Law</i>	<i>Hyde, International Law Chiefly as Interpreted and Applied by the United States (1945)</i>
IACHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
IACoHR	Inter-American Commission of Human Rights
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights