

EDITORIAL

In a foreword by the Board of Editors to the first issue (1953) of the Review, it was declared that a principal aim of its publication was to make available to foreign jurists the contribution made by the Netherlands to the development of international law – both public and private. Still adhering to that view the Board of Editors has judged it appropriate to take full account of the increasing use since 1953 of the English language in the fields of law covered and it is felt, in the light of this development, that the Review would best continue to serve as a source of information and as a forum for discussion, both for Dutch and non-Dutch students of international law, by employing exclusively the English language for articles and other contributions. Accordingly, in the present Volume 22 the trilingual approach of the Review will give way to the appearance of the entire text in English, subject to justifiable exceptions, such as the reprinting of documents in the original language of publication, and the rare exception when weighty considerations support the publication of a contribution in French, although in such latter case a summary in English will be added. This first issue of 1975 being necessarily of a transitional character certain contributions not in English have been included, future such contributions to be made concordant with the above decision in the succeeding issues of the volume.

The Board of Editors trusts that this change in form, Editorial policy regarding substance remaining unchanged, will enhance the contribution of the Review to the discussion of international law both in the Netherlands and abroad.

In conformity with the decision of the Board of Editors the tripartite title of the Review (Dutch–French–English) has been superseded by the sole use of the English part, necessitating the new cover design appearing with this issue. Henceforth the correct abbreviation for the title of the Review is N.I.L.R. It is recommended that references to previous volumes read “N.I.L.R. (formerly N.T.I.R.)”.