FOREWORD

This publication presents the results of the first Project of the EUROPEAN WORKSHOPS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. The European Workshops program is a joint-venture co-sponsored by the LAW OF THE SEA INSTITUTE (University of Hawaii) and the STIFTUNG WISSENSCHAFT AND POLITIK (Ebenhausen).

The program was conceived as a series of workshops, organized under the joint auspices of the LAW OF THE SEA INSTITUTE and the STIFTUNG WISSENSCHAFT UND POLITIK, on the general subject of the Law of the Sea. Each workshop is to be self-contained and will deal with a specific topic of special or general interest. The objective of the program is to provide a forum for eminent scholars and practitioners to exchange views and ideas with a view to illuminating some of the major issues of ocean law and policy which need to be addressed at the national, regional and global levels, either in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea or in the context of the differing national and regional responses to that Convention.

The co-sponsors agreed that the first workshop should be devoted to issues connected with the Baltic Sea. This was mainly in recognition of recent developments which have produced fundamental and far-reaching changes in the sovereignties bordering this semi-enclosed sea. It was intended that a workshop at this time would focus on the concerns and interests of the states bordering the Baltic Sea, and on the challenges facing both in relation to each other and vis-à-vis states and institutions outside the region. In particular, it was expected that the Workshop would make it possible to anticipate the attitudes of the political entities to the new legal and political situation of the Baltic and its possible implications for the aspirations of governments, the industrial and commercial sectors, as well as the general population of the region.

It is gratifying to note that these basic objectives have been largely achieved. Both in their choice of contributors and in the way they have edited and arranged the learned material with which they were furnished, the Joint Editors have succeeded in producing a comprehensive and balanced presentation of issues and views, which should provide a useful basis for further discussion and consideration by persons and institutions interested in all possible sectors of ocean activity. It is the hope of the co-sponsoring institutions that the wealth of information and ideas made available in this publication will be of use not only to academic researchers and writers but also to policy makers, national as well as international: that it will help them not merely to ascertain but also to understand the concerns and objectives which underlie the programs of the states of the region and the reactions which these evoke from other states and the international community as a whole.

The theme of the Workshop - THE BALTIC SEA: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN NATIONAL POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION - was chosen to emphasize the essential interdependence between national maritime interests and global concerns, and to draw special attention to the importance of meaningful cooperation between states if there is to be the ordered regime which alone can guarantee the satisfaction of the legitimate needs of all without undermining the vital interests of any members of the global community.

It is the intention of the co-sponsors to follow the Baltic Project with others on different subjects of topical interest. The LAW OF THE SEA INSTITUTE and the STIFTUNG

WISSENSCHAFT UND POLITIK wish to express deepest appreciation to the contributors who so willingly gave of their time and expertise. We trust that we can count on their continued cooperation and assistance in the future. We hope that the success of this first Project will attract the interest and contribution of other eminent persons.

Many hands and talents contributed to this first EUROPEAN WORKSHOP ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, both in Honolulu and at Ebenhausen. Special thanks are due to Carol Stimson, administrator and editor of the LAW OF THE SEA INSTITUTE, and to Werner Schaller for his devoted efforts in putting the manuscript into publishable form.

We recommend this publication to all who are interested in matters related to the sea. May it serve to remind them of the universal relevance of ocean affairs and of the crucial need for all to contribute to the search for international understanding and accommodation in the management and utilization of the many and important resources and amenities which the seas and oceans offer for economic and social development of humanity in so many ways.

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