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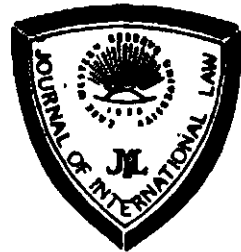
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## PREFACE

The *Journal of International Law* inaugurates its Fifteenth Anniversary volume with this special theme issue on International Criminal Law. The upcoming issues are Incentives: Economic and Social, and Japan. Each of these three themes was selected because of its timeliness and its increasing significance in the international community.

Topics in the International Criminal Law issue cover the spectrum from the theoretical bases of international criminal law to the enforceability of hostage-rights and the applicability of the political offense exception to extradition.

The issue on Incentives: Economic and Social explains extensively the legal implications of the Soviet pipeline controversy. In addition, such intriguing areas as the development of nonaggressive sanctions in International Sports will be explored.

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The *Journal* has faced and met many challenges during its fifteenth year of publication. I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Kohn, the *Journal* staff and the members of the Executive and Editorial Boards whose support contributed highly to the *Journal's* successful operation.

The *Journal* also extends a warm welcome to Dean Gellhorn and special thanks to our faculty advisor, Sidney Picker, Jr.

For myself, I dedicate volume 15 to my loving husband, Wesley, and to my lovely daughter, Amadi Isoke Jordan-Walker.

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