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Foreword

Nowadays, international law contains norms that are largely accepted by States through the forum of international organizations. These have become the places where States take the most important actions towards better co-operation and where they try to challenge the greatest problems of the world in the field of international peace and security, as well as social issues. The international integration of States in international organizations, the co-operation between organizations and other international actors are among the reasons why international law is developing on a hitherto unknown scale. In addition to this, new autonomous systems of law are arising and very often encroaching on the spheres traditionally reserved for the domestic law of States. And international organizations as such are also still under construction and development.

This publication has come into being after intense discussions made during the conference organised by the Chair of Public International and European Law of Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Silesia and the Foundation *Facultas Iuridica*. It took place in Kroczyce in May 2014, though this is not simply a publication of speeches made there. Lots of the papers presented here have been prepared especially for this book, and they touch on lots of interesting and important subjects of international law that have appeared in the course of activities of international organizations. In the changing world we live in, international organizations are among those actors in the international community who most frequently and directly face the new problems and new challenges of this world. This publication focuses on many various and new issues, and that is why the title of the publication is not accidental.

The publication is a common work of many international lawyers who are academics at Polish scientific institutions – universities and academies – and it reflects their scientific interests and fields of research.

The book is divided into five parts concentrating on the very essence of the law of international organizations. In the first part, titled *General aspects of international organizations*, there are two chapters dealing with issues such as the recognition of States by international organizations and financing international organizations. Further parts of the publication are those where narrow topics are discussed in the context of the functioning of the United Nations and the

European Union. And so Part II, which is named *United Nations*, consists of three chapters devoted to solving contemporary global problems in the UN system, new challenges for international peace and security and the problem of reforming the system in its aspects of the past and future. The third part of the publication contains seven chapters devoted to the activities of the European Union. The topics touched upon vary from its legislative competence in the area of private law, the practice of negotiations and conclusions of certain treaties, to the issue of the gender gap as a challenge for the EU.

The last two parts of the book reflect the practice of various organizations – governmental as well as non-governmental. Part IV, titled *Justice*, contains considerations on certain aspects of the topic, such as general and detailed reflections on the question of the responsibility of international organizations for wrongful acts in the context of the Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations prepared by the UN International Law Commission. Additionally, there are also some reflections on the problem of the responsibility of international organizations for the acts and omissions of the personnel of military missions and on judicial bodies of the organizations. The last part – *International organizations in action* – discusses various aspects of the activities of the organizations. This part is especially interesting from a practical point of view, as it looks into what the organizations are doing, where they are heading and what challenges they are facing. Of course, there are many more issues and problems worth considering but this publication may be seen as a good start for further discussions.

It should be stressed that all the topics touched upon in this book reflect the law of international organizations in its broadest meaning, and certainly much more can be added. I would like to thank all the Authors for their fruitful contributions to this publication, for exchanging their ideas and for their very often novel approach to the subject. I would also like to thank Professor Dagmara Kornobis-Romanowska for her review of the publication, deep analysis of the texts and her valuable remarks and comments.

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