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Foreword

With the publication of volume 9:3, the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* continues its tradition of publishing the proceedings of the *Journal's* annual international law conferences. This tradition started in 1978, with the publication in volume 4:2 of the proceedings of the *Journal's* first conference, entitled "Drafting an International Sales Contract: Problems and Remedies." That issue won the "Most Useful Article" award from the publication *Lawyer's Brief*.

The "Sixth Annual Southeastern Conference on International Law and Commercial Regulation — Current Developments 1983," covered a much broader scope than did the *Journal's* prior conferences. To reach a wider audience, the Board of Editors of the *Journal* and the Conference Steering Committee chose to focus on current developments in several broad areas of international business law, rather than concentrating on only one specific area of law. The "Current Developments" conference was held on October 14, 1983, in the Morehead Building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Several distinguished speakers gave presentations on the areas of Antitrust and International Business, U.S. Reporting Requirements for Foreign Investment, International Tax Planning, Immigration Problems of Foreign Personnel, and U.S. Trade Policy and Foreign Protectionism. Three of those presentations have been expanded into full-length articles and are included in this issue of the *Journal*. Other full-length articles by noted authors and several student pieces are also included in this issue.

The conference and published proceedings would not have been possible without the help of quite a number of people. On behalf of the Board of Editors I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Noel Lee Allen and to the other members of the Conference Steering Committee who provided their invaluable guidance and assistance to the conference effort. Recognition is also due to all the *Journal* members who assisted with the conference planning and implementation. I would like to express a personal thanks to Vicki Gregory, my conference co-chairperson, for her help, and to Dave Milford for his suggestions during the planning of the conference. Finally, the Board would like to thank Professor Arthur M. Weisburd and Dean Kenneth S. Broun for their continued support of the *Journal's* efforts to provide a practical reference guide for international business law practitioners.

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