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FOREWORD

The first three volumes in this series contain a collection of international arbitral awards given since the war of 1914-1918, the first award included having been rendered under date of September 4, 1920. Excluded from these volumes were the decisions of the Mixed Arbitral Tribunals established under the Peace Treaties concluded after the war of 1914-1918, since such awards had already been made the subject of a comprehensive publication. For the same reason the judgments and advisory opinions of the Permanent Court of International Justice were excluded from these volumes.

There remains for publication, however, a systematic collection of the decisions of international claims commissions rendered since the war of 1914-1918. It will be the purpose of this volume and the next succeeding volumes of this series to report such decisions. The decisions of the various Mexican Claims Commissions are being published first.

This volume contains the decisions of the claims commissions between Mexico and the United States. Later volumes will contain the awards of other Mexican Claims Commissions as well as those of other claims commissions sitting during the period 1920 to date.

Each award is captioned under the name of the individual claimant, together with identification of the espousing and the respondent Governments. Notation is made of the date of the award, any separate concurring or dissenting opinions rendered by the commissioners, and the original report from which the decision was drawn. A head note or digest is offered in each case to facilitate its use in research by practitioners and students of international law. The index found at the end of this volume is based upon such head notes.

In some instances, the texts of decisions dealing with technical procedural points or non-substantive questions or opinions of a cumulative nature applying rules previously laid down have not been published due to limitations of space. In each such case, however, the head note and index reference will enable scholars to ascertain the points involved in the decision and to determine whether it would be of interest for their particular purpose, and, if so, to pursue the case further in the original publication, of which citation is made in each instance.

It will be observed that historical notes of the establishment and work of each tribunal, bibliographies relating to each tribunal, and, finally, bibliographical references to discussions of particular cases, are included. In addition, if any case were published in any source other than that from which the instant publication is made, reference is given to such source or sources.

Since the evaluation of each decision depends not only upon its contents but also upon the terms of the particular *compromis* and the law laid down by it to be applied by the tribunal, the texts of the treaty or treaties under which each tribunal functioned are included.

It is planned that, when publication of the decisions of claims commissions rendered during the period 1920 to date is completed, this series will be continued with reports of international arbitral awards rendered prior to that date. In that manner, a general repository of all international arbitral awards and an index-digest system thereof will be afforded—a long needed step in the study and practice of international law throughout the world.

The preceding three volumes in this series were compiled by the Registry of the International Court of Justice and were issued as a United Nations publication. The series is being continued as a United Nations publication; responsibility for its preparation, however, has been assumed by the Legal Department of the Secretariat.
