

## Foreword

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The materials that follow reflect the substance of the Law Professor Workshop, "The Chinese Connection and Normalization," which was held in Baltimore with the cooperation of the University of Maryland School of Law on June 8-9, 1979. The American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law and National Security and International Law Section are pleased that the University of Maryland School of Law joined in the Association's effort to enrich the legal educational process through the sponsorship of seminars on contemporary national and international security affairs problems. The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the efforts of Professor Hungdah Chiu of the University of Maryland School of Law and Dr. Bernard A. Ramundo of the National Law Center, George Washington University, in organizing a successful Workshop which involved the participation of more than 125 law professors from all over the United States. Of course, the views presented during the Workshop are those of the commentators and do not represent those of the Association.

The general enrichment effort is intended to increase the relevance of law school instruction and, thereby, better prepare law students for the traditional leadership role of the Bar in governmental and international affairs. International relations, reflecting the practice of states, importantly impact domestic and international legal developments. The rapidity of change in these relations underscores the need for enrichment on a continuing basis. As formal reference materials on political developments tend to become a part of the history of diplomacy because they quickly lose their contemporary relevance, the *ad hoc* conference approach to policy-oriented enrichment is especially useful. The Baltimore Workshop represented such an effort by focusing on the implications of a significant contemporary international development: the long awaited culmination of the process of normalization of the U.S.-P.R.C. relationship launched by the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972. The generally positive reaction to the Baltimore Workshop encourages the Committee in pursuing its objective of planning future Workshops to provide continuing policy-oriented enrichment.

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