

Editor's Note

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In April of 1978 the *International Trade Law Journal*, in conjunction with the Greater Baltimore Committee and the World Trade Center, co-sponsored a conference entitled "United States — Caribbean Basin Trade: Economic and Legal Aspects," held at the World Trade Center. The *Journal* is pleased to have the honor of publishing the papers presented at the Conference by the various panelists together with brief summaries of remarks made by commentators present at the panel discussions. Due to numerous practical constraints, the *Journal's* Editorial Board was compelled to make the decision not to publish the proceedings of the Conference in their entirety. Nevertheless, the Board felt that the panelists' papers and the subsequent remarks of commentators would adequately present the reader with a representative sampling of the kinds of themes which emerged from the Conference.

Apologies are graciously extended to those panelists whose papers were liberally edited to conform with our total page limitation. Unfortunately, one particular paper concerning UNCTAD's work on a Code of Conduct for the Transfer of Technology presented by Pedro Roffe of UNCTAD lost its timely nature during the fall of 1978 when an UNCTAD Conference drafted such a code.

The reader will find this issue primarily divided into six parts, each of which corresponds to a particular panel discussion. Preceding the Introduction by Professor Edward A. Laing is a list of commonly-used acronyms of well-known organizations, associations and agreements which were frequently referred to by the panelists and Conference participants. The opening address at the Conference, presented by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, was selected by the Editorial Board to serve as the Afterword.

As always, each issue of the *Journal* owes its existence to the efforts of countless individuals. Furthermore, with the presentation of a conference as well, even more acknowledgment is due — in this instance, especially, to its architect, Professor Edward A. Laing, whose profound insight and steadfast diligence transformed a mere vision into an auspicious endeavor. In addition, special thanks are extended to all members of the Conference Committee as well as the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Maryland Port Administration, without whose endeavors the Conference could not have taken place. Also graciously appreciated were the efforts of numerous individuals, only a few of which space permits mentioning — Professor Hungdah Chiu, Dr. Seymour J. Rubin, General Roland del Mar, Robert Radway, Professor David Bogen,

William Boucher III, Alice L. Glen, Mrs. Martha Allen, David Young, Mike Canon and Marcia Wiss.

Furthermore, we owe a special tribute to several individuals who participated in the Conference, namely Hans Geiser and Pedro Roffe who both journeyed from Geneva; Michael Deal, who generously presented two papers, only one of which we were able to publish; and Bryant Smith and Dale Furnish, who each took part in two panels.

Finally, my special thanks go to Karen Murphy, the Conference Coordinator and present Articles Editor of the *Journal*, whose unparalleled efforts proved to be the driving force behind the publication of these papers.

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