

Foreword

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This volume compiles the presentations delivered at the Workshops on International Law, which were held in Ottawa, Canada from October 22nd to 26th, 2005, and which were organized by the University of Ottawa and the General Secretariat of the OAS.

The Workshops on International Law began on Monday, October 22nd in the Conference Room of the School of Law in Fauteux Hall at the University of Ottawa. The inaugural session was presided over by the Rector of the University of Ottawa, Mr. Gilles Patry, the Dean of the Civil Law Section, Nathalie Des Rosiers, Professor Daniel Gervais in place of Dean Bruce Feldthusen of the Common Law Section, and Mr. Jean-Michel Arrighi, Director of the Department of International Legal Affairs, who also represented the OAS Secretary General.

By acclamation, the participants elected Dean Des Rosiers as the president of the Workshops. Professors José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez of Paraguay (National and Catholic universities) and Claude Emanuelli of the Civil Law Section at University of Ottawa were elected Rapporteurs in the fields of public and private international law, respectively.

The closing session of the Workshops was held on Wednesday October 26 2005 at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada. The event was presided over by both Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers and Dean Bruce Feldthusen of the Law School Section of Civil Law and Common Law, as well as Mr. Jean-Michel Arrighi, Director of the Department of International Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat of the OAS.

At the end of the volume, we have included a final report on the Workshops, the official program, the list of participants, and the resolutions of the General Assembly establishing the Workshops on International Law.