## **FOREWORD**

The Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, which is to be held in Geneva next spring, provides the nations of the world with a second chance—possibly the last for some years to come—to reach agreement on the breadth of the territorial sea and on fishing limits. The impressive achievements of the First Conference give encouragement for the prospect of reaching a solution of the two remaining areas of disagreement. The goal of a complete code of international maritime law is so close at hand that the nations which will participate at the next Conference cannot afford to let the opportunity pass. It is hoped that this pamphlet, which discusses the problems involved and a Canadian proposal for a solution to them, will be of some assistance in the preparatory work for this meeting.

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