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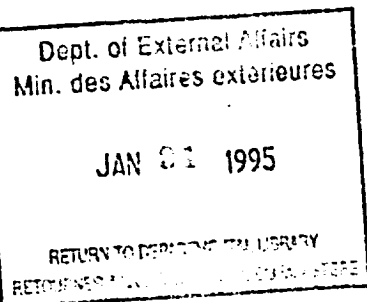
Environmental issues are at the forefront of the international agenda. Every month, new and substantial declarations and agreements are reached in international bodies, dealing with environmental issues. Keeping up with the pace of the international environmental diplomacy is a challenging task.

In August 1990, we released our first compendium of environmental declarations and agreements entitled "The International Environment" and in August of 1991, the second version of the book was released. The response to those initiatives were so positive, that we are now releasing a third volume, covering new declarations and agreements reached from the end of 1989 up to 1992, and picking up some important items not included in the earlier versions. This volume differs from the previous two in that it includes non-governmental as well as intergovernmental declarations and statements, thereby reflecting the evolving trend of global environmental cooperation not only among governments but including all sectors of society.

The following volume is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive. However, we hope that both students and practitioners of environmental diplomacy will find it a useful reference guide.

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