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The International Courts and Tribunals Collection (38 databases)– Over 30,000 decisions from most significant ICTs are included. Recent additions include the International Criminal Court (and transcripts), International Court of Justice decisions extended to 1947 and Transcripts 1947-, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Caribbean Court of Justice, Timor Leste Special Panel for Serious Crimes, Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina; United Nations Dispute Tribunal, plus the East African Court of Appeal and Court of Justice, and SADC Tribunal (all on SAFLII).

The Treaties & International Agreements Collection (27 databases) – This Collection of over 35,000 documents includes 7 treaties databases from international organisations including the League of Nations 1919- (4,812 documents); United Nations 1946- (to 1959 as yet); Council of Europe treaties & Explanatory Reports, and APEC, ASEAN and SAARC Agreements and Conventions. National collections include 9 databases in the Australian Treaties Library (over 10,000 documents), treaties between many countries from GLIN (over 10,000 documents), and substantial treaties databases from the United Kingdom, Ireland, India (to 1975 so far), New Zealand, Canada and Macau. Smaller collections are from Hong Kong, the Pacific, and Singapore.

Other key international law materials – United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 1946- (13,500 documents) and United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1946- (1,907 documents) have been added.

Expanded coverage of international law commentary– Seven specialised international law journals are included, as shown above, plus the ANZSIL papers in International and Humanitarian Law Resources.

Virtual databases of relevant law reform and law journal articles – Virtual databases have been created of Law Reform Publications Concerning International and Humanitarian Law (250 documents), and Other Law Journal Articles Concerning International and Humanitarian Law (2,500 documents). The virtual databases are automatically updated daily, from all new documents coming onto any participating LIIs.

LawCite Citator - citations of ICT decisions and treaties– The LawCite citator developed by AustLII is now fully integrated into WorldLII, and therefore into this Library. Citation records for thousands of journal

articles concerning international law are already provided. Search results link to citation records for all cases and articles found by searches. Lawcite (linked from the Library) currently contains citation records for over 25,000 decisions of international Courts and Tribunals, many not in the Library. Future identification of parallel citations for these cases will result in an expansion of coverage. Lawcite's citation field can be used to search for treaty citations (for ATS, LNTS and UNTS series initially), and citation records for treaties show cases (domestic or international) and articles citing them. Parallel citations for treaties in multiple series are being used to create hypertext links from references to them, and to expand LawCite's treaties citations.

Search options – The default search option is over the 70+ databases in the Library, but databases can be searched separately and in many combinations. The same search can then be repeated over the other two search options by use of the radio buttons.

'International law on Google' – The 'Law on Google' search option (see above) allows a search over the Library (using the 'AustLII search syntax') to be automatically converted into the correct syntax for a Google search, limits the search to international law materials, and sends the search to Google. Results appear in a Google search window. This can make searching Google easier and more effective.

The Catalog of links to International Law websites - The Library has one of the most extensive global catalogs of international law websites, with the major categories shown at right. The 'Catalog & Websearch' search option (see above) allows the content of some of these websites to be searched from the Library.

Partners, funding and history - The Library is being developed by AustLII under a 2009-10 ARC LIEF project (LE0989957 The International & Humanitarian Law Library – A global dimension in Australian legal research infrastructure') involving Chief Investigators and Partner Institutions from UNSW, UTS, ANU, UWS, University of Sydney and DFAT, and Advisory Panel members from other Universities. For details see <http://www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/research/2009/lief/>. The Library was launched by Justice Sir Kenneth Keith of the International Court of Justice, on 6 September 2010. The Library has been developed from the Australian Treaties Library (since 1996, with DFAT support), and the ICT Collection (from 2002). Many AustLII staff members since 1996 have contributed to the development of its databases.

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