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**Recommendation on the Teaching of International Law
at Universities**

(The French text is authoritative. The English text is a translation.)

The Institute of International Law,

Assembled at Rome from 5 to 15 September 1973 for its Centenary Session,

Convinced of the increasing role of international law in the world of today,

Emphasizing that international law is essential to the solution of difficulties that may arise between States,

Observing with regret that in many Universities international law is not, or is no longer, a compulsory teaching subject,

Recalling that the United Nations Organization and UNESCO have on several occasions recognized the importance of the knowledge of international law,

In line with its mission to promote international law by contributing in particular "through publications, public teaching and any other means to the triumph of the principles of justice and humanity which ought to govern the relations among peoples" (Article 1 of the Statutes of the Institute of International Law),

1. HAS DECIDED to set up a working group to collect information on the present state of international law teaching in the various parts of the world and to present Recommendations on the basis of such information at the next Session of the Institute of International Law,
2. URGENTLY DRAWS the attention of Universities and other Teaching Institutions as well as of Governments and International Organizations to the importance of ensuring university teaching of international law to the greatest extent possible.

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