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To launch its inaugural fifth issue, the Board of Editors of Volume 18 of the *Fordham International Law Journal* solicited essays from international legal scholars on the following topic: "What is the role of international law in the twenty-first century?" In response to this query, the *Journal* received contributions from distinguished statesmen, judges, lawyers, and professors, each of whom provided an analysis of the role of international law in his or her particular field. The essays cover a wide range of subjects, including international criminal law, international trade law, international environmental law, state sovereignty, and the meaning of international law itself.

The Board of Editors presents this collection of essays in the hope that it will provide a modest but noteworthy contribution to the understanding of international law as we approach the next century. Ideally, the *Journal* should be a forum wherein citizens of the world can present issues of importance, exchange ideas, attempt to reconcile differences, and, with luck, stumble upon solutions. The Board is optimistic that this book represents a significant step towards fulfilling these goals.

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