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## EDITORIAL

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The appearance of this year's first issue is darkened by the death of Judge Manfred Lachs, judge of the International Court of Justice and member of our *Board of Editors*.

On February 25, 1993 a memorial service was held at the Academy Building of the Leiden University to commemorate Judge Lachs. Among the speakers was the President of the International Court of Justice, Sir Robert Jennings. In his excellent speech, Sir Jennings emphasized the feelings of all of us, when he said:

Many here will recollect his generous hospitality, his supportive wisdom unflinchingly offered, his infectious cheerfulness and good humour; his help to those in trouble; and his frequent almost casual acts of generosity and kindness with which he enriched the lives of so many of us who had the good fortune to know him.

It was his enthusiasm for student activities and international law that constituted a major inspiration for the creation of this journal. We remain greatly indebted to him for his inspiring role in the development of international law and for his support of international law student activities.

The president of our *Board of Editors*, Professor P.H. Kooijmans, has temporarily assigned his tasks to a member of the *Editorial Staff*, Frans von der Dunk. A few months ago, Professor Kooijmans left the University of Leiden to become the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Although we were sad to see him leave the university, we are proud that he has been asked to take on this difficult position. We are confident that the Dutch Foreign Office will benefit from his knowledge and experience.

Finally, the Leiden Journal of International Law is proud to announce this year's appearance of her second *Special Issue*, entirely devoted to the subject of International Arbitration. This *Special Issue* will be published in May 1993, will contain contributions by several international experts, thereby providing you with a comprehensive overview on the subject, and is dedicated to the memory of Judge Manfred Lachs, who also contributed to it. At the abovementioned memorial service, one of the other speakers was Professor Kooijmans. His speech will be printed in full in the *Special Issue*.