

FOREWORD

The Board of Editors is very pleased to present a new cover on the first issue of this year's *NILR*. The Board found it an appropriate time for a change, as the journal has had the same cover for over 20 years. Moreover, it is an important step in preparing for the year 2000, which is fast approaching. The new 'face' of the *NILR* appropriately fits the well-established goals of the journal. It reflects its ambitious scope and its wide coverage of the most topical issues in the fields of public and private international law and comparative law.

The observant reader will note that one of the new elements on the cover is the mention of the T.M.C. Asser Press. The T.M.C. Asser Press will be the publishing arm of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and, as such, will cooperate with Martinus Nijhoff Publishers in the publication of the *NILR*. As in the past, the editorial responsibilities for the *NILR* remain solely with the Board of Editors. The Board is confident that this cooperation will ensure the continuity of this important medium of dissemination of international law.

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