LEGAL CULTURE

"Terrorism as a Challenge for National and International Law": Online-publication of proceedings of a Conference held at the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, January 2003

The events of 11 September 2001 have provoked reactions worldwide to fight terrorist activities in national legal orders. They have also led to significant developments in international law with respect to combat terrorism by military and non-military action. These issues were addressed during a Conference exploring "Terrorism as a Challenge for National and International Law", organized and hosted by the Max-Planck Institute für Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg on 24 and 25 January 2003. The Conference was co-financed by the Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung (DSF).

The online-presentation of the proceedings, which is now available at: <u>http://edoc.mpil.de/conference-on-terrorism/index.cfm</u> contains papers discussing issues of national and international law related to the fight against terrorism and several country reports concerning - among others - legislation in Canada, the European Union, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Russia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. The presentations concerning national measures to combat terrorism, which were given at the conference, were based on these country reports. The online-presentation also includes an overview on "Behavioral and Social Science Perspectives on Political Violence".

The reports and papers presented at the conference are published in a pre-print version together with a collection of relevant Treaties, Statutes and Resolutions under <u>http://edoc.mpil.de/conference-on-terrorism/index.cfm</u>. They are open to online-comments from the public.

The proceedings will also be published in print as Walter, C./Vöneky, S./Röben, V./Schorkopf, F.(eds.), Terrorism as a Challenge for National and International Law: Security versus Liberty?, Berlin/Heidelberg (Springer 2003).

The Editors