

# **Implementation Kits for the International Counter-Terrorism Conventions**

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## PREFACE

The concept of the 'implementation kit' is a DIY manual for Governments that are interested in becoming parties to selected multilateral treaties, and designed to help the process by providing their legal advisers with a commentary on the treaties, and model Bills. The concept was developed by Professor David McClean (of the University of Sheffield) and Professor Keith Patchett (formerly of the University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology), in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

A series of such kits has been, and will continue to be, produced. But hitherto these have been confined largely to the field of Private International Law.

A kit for the first three aviation security conventions ('convention' being merely one of the many names by which treaties are called) was prepared by David Lloyd Jones QC and first published in 1982. It was revised by him in 1989 to take account of later developments, in particular the adoption of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving Civil Aviation 1988. Also, in 1989 a kit on the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages 1979 was prepared by Edward M. Morgan ([then of the University of Toronto]).

The present publication covers all twelve multilateral treaties drawn up between 1963 and 1999 by the United Nations, and other international organisations of a universal character, in response to the scourge of terrorism. It therefore has commentaries and model laws for seven of the treaties that had not been covered before. It also revises the commentaries on the first five, and seeks to bring consistency of style between the twelve commentaries. Because the treaties span 36 years, the Introduction has been expanded to give an overview of them and describe some of their most important common elements.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AJIL	American Journal of International Law
Aust	A. Aust, <i>Modern Treaty Law and Practice</i> (Cambridge, 2000)
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICLQ	International and Comparative Law Quarterly
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ILC	International Law Commission
ILM	<i>International Legal Materials</i> (published by the American Society of International Law)
Lambert	J. Lambert, <i>Terrorism and Hostages in International Law</i> (Grotius, Cambridge, 1990)
UKTS	United Kingdom Treaty Series
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series

## WEBSITES

[www.iaea.org](http://www.iaea.org)

[www.icao.int](http://www.icao.int)

[www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)

[www.un.org](http://www.un.org) (see in particular 'UN Action on Terrorism')