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## Editors' Foreword

Four years have passed since our first discussion about a *Handbook on International Investment Law* in January 2010. This has been a time of conceptual work, numerous e-mail exchanges with some 90 authors, and correspondence with our publisher.

The main purpose of this handbook – aside from providing basic information – is to strive for more clarity and an attempt to achieve some coherence in this relatively young discipline of international law, a system consisting of arbitral awards and doctrinal interpretations, constituting the most dynamic field of international economic law. After a relatively slow beginning as an integral part of customary international law, international investment law has in the past decade evolved like almost no other field of public international law, especially on the basis of an increasing number of bilateral investment treaties. In this regard, the book approaches the most crucial aspects of international investment law and thereby hopefully provides answers to many questions arising in this field.

We are particularly grateful to the contributors who have anxiously awaited the publication of this work. We owe them not only thanks for their contributions, but also for their patience. We are equally grateful to our assistant editor, Ms Yun-I Kim, for her skilful, meticulous and dedicated management of the entire editorial process. Whoever has edited a book of approximately 2000 pages will appreciate such outstanding commitment. Thanks also go to Mr Christoph Hölken and Ms Katharina Diel-Gligor who supported Ms Kim during parts of the editing process, and to the publisher for their excellent cooperation. Finally, it should also be mentioned that the resources at both the International Investment Law Centre Cologne (IILCC) and at the Department of European, International and Comparative Law of the University of Vienna, provided the necessary basis for such a comprehensive work.

It goes without saying that this first attempt at providing an encompassing overview on existing international investment law is far from perfect. There is an academic responsibility of each author for every article, but also an overall responsibility of the editors who have read each contribution and where necessary, have discussed them with the authors. Therefore, any proposal for improvement of contributions is most welcome and can be directed to the authors as well as to the editors. In any event, we hope that you enjoy reading this handbook!

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