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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights:	Af.CHPR
American Convention on Human Rights:	ACHR
Convention on the Rights of the Child:	CRC
European Convention on Human Rights:	ECHR
Inter-American Commission of Human Rights:	IACHR
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination:	CERD
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:	ICESCR
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights:	ICCPR
International Labour Organization:	ILO
Organization of American States:	OAS
Rules of Procedure:	RoP
United Nations:	UN
The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development:	UNCED
United Nations Environment Programme:	UNEP
Universal Declaration of Human Rights:	UDHR

Foreword

Human rights and environmental protection are deeply interrelated topics. However, their relationship is complex. Nowadays, it may be easy to conclude that environment is protected by International Human Rights, in the early days of this process; there were many doubts on whether environment should have been covered by human rights instruments. It is still a developing process. In this context, it becomes important to study the early beginnings of environmental protection in International Human Rights Law in order to analyse normative and institutional development. This analyses also may shed light on the future developments and tendencies on the subject matter.

This book was intended to cover two regional human rights protection mechanisms, namely Organization of American States and African Union as well as the practice of Human Rights Committee. Through the working process, I have noticed the fact that the part on the Council of Europe was going to reach to an unproportioned size which could have a negative effect on the structure of the book. That is why I decided to deal with the Council of Europe separately in another volume.

In this volume I tried to put forward the case-law of Human Rights Committee, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Inter-American organs, both the Commission and the Court all of which have vital roles in the protection of environment taking into consideration the lack of a specific convention on this matter.

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