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## **Launch of free-access International Law Library**

Today Sir Kenneth James Keith, ONZ, KBE, QC, a judge of the International Court of Justice launched the most comprehensive free-access International Law Library on the Internet, at AustLII's offices.

The International Law Library contains over 80,000 searchable documents for free access. This includes over 25,000 decisions of International Courts and Tribunals, over 30,000 treaties and international agreements (including the League of Nations and UN Treaty Series), international law journals and law reform materials. These materials cannot be jointly searched elsewhere on the Internet. AustLII's LawCite citator tracks where international cases, treaties and law journal articles have been cited.

During the launch attended by prominent international and humanitarian lawyers and stakeholders, Sir Keith said, "When I was a law student, a little over 50 years ago the law library I used had fewer than 2000 books. Amazing technological developments, along with the essential contribution of AustLII and its collaborators around the globe, now provide us with riches unimaginable then. Our challenge is to find the wisdom to make the best possible use of those resources in support of the international rule of law. The International Law Library is one of the Internet's best research resources for international law, and I use it regularly in my work".

International Law Library databases are updated regularly with new materials coming in to AustLII and other legal information institutes around the world that collaborate with AustLII. The Library also assists users to find international law materials on websites elsewhere on the Internet.

AustLII developed this comprehensive International Law Library with a grant received from the Australian Research Council. A number of partner organisations including, UNSW, UTS, ANU, UWS, USyd, DFAT and Advisory Panel members from other Universities supported its development.

The International Law Library is available on WorldLII and operated by AustLII at:

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