

tarian law and a short history of the Diplomatic Conference of 1974-1977 (preparations — procedures and decisions). A bibliography has been added at the end of the book.

We are quite sure that this book, by the amount of information it contains, by its clarity and attention to detail, will be extremely useful, and appreciated by all those who are interested in international humanitarian law.

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### ATLE GRAHL-MADSEN: TERRITORIAL ASYLUM <sup>1</sup>

Professor Atle Grahl-Madsen is an authority on international asylum law. He holds the chair of international law in the University of Uppsala and is also Director of the Swedish Institute of International Law. He has served in a great many international organizations providing practical aid and legal assistance to refugees.

In this book Professor Grahl-Madsen explains the present state of the law of asylum: the right of States to grant asylum to any person applying for it; the constitutional and statutory provisions in different States giving the individual the possibility to seek refuge, and the rudimentary provisions of international law prohibiting the extradition and forcible return of refugees to countries where they would not be safe from persecution.

The projects for an international convention on territorial asylum are discussed in detail and certain particular problems, such as the «refugees in orbit», are also examined. A section towards the end of the book is devoted to documents, which include a large number of international instruments dealing with refugees and the law of asylum.

At a time when numerous National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have to face the serious humanitarian implications of the presence of refugees on their countries' territory, Professor Grahl-Madsen's book will no doubt be read with interest and profit.

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<sup>1</sup> Almqvist and Wiksell International, Stockholm, Oceana Publications Inc., London-Rome-New York, 1980, 232 pp.