

„Die Kodifikationsbemühungen des Völkerbundes auf dem Gebiet des Seerechts
(Küstenmeer)“ – Abstract

In the year of 1924 the League of Nations decided to promote the Progressive Codification of International Law. The initiative was carried out by *Baron Marks von Württemberg* (Sweden) and had its reason in the legal deserves of the recently founded Permanent International Court of Justice of the League of Nations.

The League invoked a Committee of Experts, which suggested to the League, after some preparatory work, seven topics considered as ripe for Codification. In 1927 the League of Nations selected three items out of the catalogue of the Committee of Experts:

1. Nationality
2. Territorial Sea
3. Responsibility of States for Damages of Foreigners on their territory

A second body, the Preparatory Committee, also installed by the League, prepared the „First Conference for the Codification of International Law“, being held from the 13th of March 1930 to the 13th of April 1930.

This work is related to the procedure of the Conference concerning the territorial sea. It deals also with the progress of Codification in the field of the territorial sea, being made by the United Nations in the Conferences on this topic in 1958/60 and 1982. Results show, that the first conference, although it failed on behalf of the main Maritime Nations of those days, Great Britain and the USA, laid the foundation stone for the codification of questions related to the Territorial Sea.

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