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The International Law Commission utilized the Harvard Research when its work coincided with projects undertaken by the Research, most notably in the drafting of what became the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations 1961 and on Consular Relations 1963, and the piracy provisions of the Geneva Convention on the High Seas 1958.

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J. Craig Barker and John P. Grant, the editors of this work, became interested in the Harvard Research while researching international law for their second edition of the Encyclopaedic Dictionary of International Law. After some investigating, they became aware of a lack of analysis or appraisal of the project and decided to fill the void.

Grant and Barker recruited experts in the various fields covered by the Harvard Research projects and invited them to contribute an appraisal of each project. The questions they proposed as guidelines for the contributors were: on what basis did the thirteen Harvard projects make their proposals for codification and what, if anything, has been the continuing impact of these proposals? The book contains the contributing experts' evaluations of this grand research project, compiled into fourteen chapters covering:

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