Minorities in international law

An introductory study

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Synopsis

With a focus on developments following the end of the cold war, this publication, the first in the Handbook on Minority Issues series, offers a comprehensive and critical overview of the issue of minorities in international law.

Aspects covered in separate chapters include: the definition of “minority”; legal protection of minorities as developed by the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the OSCE and the European Union. A good deal of practice is considered, including the jurisprudence of judicial and quasi-judicial bodies such as the Council of Europe’s European Court of Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Addressing many central issues of topical concern, the book will be of interest to human rights scholars, students of international law and international relations, as well as to non-governmental organisations and other institutions involved in minority issues.

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