

Official Launch CIL Documents Database

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History of CIL

- Established in October 2009 at the National University of Singapore's Bukit Timah Campus
- A response to the growing need for international law expertise and capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region
- A university-wide research centre working in close collaboration with the NUS Faculty of Law
- Outcome of close cooperation between
 - NUS Faculty of Law
 - Attorney-General's Chambers
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law
- **Vision:** to become a regional intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law

CIL Activities

Events since Oct 2009

- Colloquium on Singapore and International Law: The Early Years
- Workshop on Submarine Cables and Law of the Sea
- Conference on International Investment Arbitration
- Training course on Int'l Investment Arbitration
- Various seminars

Next conference: 24-26 May 2010: **International Conference on Air Transport, Air Law and Regulation**
[Organized together with McGill University's Institute of Air & Space Law (IASL) and the Singapore Aviation Academy]

Research

CIL focus areas:

- ASEAN Law and Policy
- Ocean Law and Policy
- Trade Law and Policy
- Aviation Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- International Dispute Resolution

Research projects:

- Documents Database
- ASEAN Legal Integration
- Submarine Cables and Law of the Sea

CIL Documents Database

- Rationale: to promote ASEAN Law and International Law we must make the basic documents easily accessible
- Documents Database is intended for use by government officials, scholars, students, members of the media and general public
- ASEAN Documents will be of particular interest to persons who want to know more about the development of ASEAN as a regional organization
- International Law Documents will be a convenient resource tool for all persons interested in public international law

CIL Documents Database

CIL Database of ASEAN and Int'l Law Documents

- Over 200 ASEAN documents
- Over 100 basic documents on international law

Key Features

- Free internet resource
- Summary Templates
- Full text in PDF and Word
- Table of contents for every document
- User-friendly search engine – documents searchable by category, sub-category, years, and/or keywords
- Accessible with low bandwidth

CIL Documents Database search engine on CIL homepage

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Use menus below to search for ASEAN and International Law Documents by Categories, Years or Keywords. For more information, [click here](#). You can also [report an error](#) or [suggest a document for addition](#).

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CIL Database of ASEAN and International Law Documents

The CIL Documents Database is a free, user-friendly, internet resource of selected ASEAN and International Law Documents. More than 200 selected ASEAN documents are now included in the database. Over the coming months CIL will expand the database to also include selected International Law Documents.

The **search engine** is located in the box on the right side of your screen on this page and on the CIL home page. It enables users to search for documents by category, years, and/or by keywords.

Examples are:

1. To find international law documents on human rights, choose "IL – Human Rights" from the sub-category drop-down menu.
2. To find ASEAN constituent documents, select "ASEAN Constituent Documents" in the sub-category drop-down menu.
3. To locate ASEAN documents on political/security matters adopted after 1 January 2005, select "ASEAN Documents" under category, "ASEAN Political-Security Community" under sub-category, and "2005" under "From" in the year drop-down menu.

Alternatively, you can search for documents using only the keyword function.

Examples are:

1. To search for ASEAN documents relating to the South China Sea, enter "South China Sea" in the keyword field.
2. To search for ASEAN documents on the environment, enter "environment" in the keyword field.
3. To search the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, enter "Treaties" in the keyword field.

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Search results:

- List of full titles of the documents
- Reverse chronological order
- Summary Template which contains basic information about the document
- Links to fully formatted full text of document in *Word* and *PDF* with Table of Contents

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2009 Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property signed on 25 October 2009 in Cha-Am, Thailand by the Economic Ministers

Adopted on 25 October 2009, Filed Under [ALL](#), [ASEAN Documents](#)

2009 Chairman's Statement of the 4th East Asia Summit issued on 25 October 2009 in Cha-Am, Thailand

Adopted on 25 October 2009, Filed Under [ALL](#), [ASEAN Documents](#)

2009 Chairman's Statement of the 15th ASEAN Summit issued on 25 October 2009 in Cha-Am, Thailand

Adopted on 25 October 2009, Filed Under [ALL](#), [ASEAN Documents](#)

2009 Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations signed on 25 October 2009 in Cha-Am, Thailand by the Foreign Ministers

Adopted on 25 October 2009, Filed Under [ALL](#), [ASEAN Documents](#)

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1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations

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Full Title:	1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations
Short Title / Abbreviation:	1961 VCDR
Date & Place of Adoption:	18 April 1961, Vienna
Date of Entry into Force:	24 April 1964 (Article 51)
Depository:	UN Secretary-General
Secretariat / Relevant Authority:	United Nations
Subject Classification:	Diplomatic Relations & Immunities
Keywords:	States/Diplomatic Agents and missions/Diplomatic Resolution/Dispute Settlement/Privileges and Immunities/Immunity/Diplomacy/VCDR
General Status (Parties):	186 Parties as of 24 Dec 2009
Citations to text:	500 UNTS 95 / 23 UST 3227 / 55 AJIL 1064 (1961)
Links to Current Status:	UN Treaty Collection
Links to Text (CIL):	 
Links to Text (External):	UN Treaty Collection
Link to Reservations / Declarations:	UN Treaty Collection
Protocols / Amendments:	<i>1961 Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations concerning Acquisition of Nationality</i> <i>1961 Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes</i>
Related Conventions:	<i>1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations</i>
Remarks:	

STATUS IN ASEAN STATES

Cambodia Accession (31 Aug 1965)

Indonesia Accession (04 Jun 1963)

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1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Adopted in Vienna, Austria on 18 April 1961

http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/conventions/0_1_1961.pdf

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The States Parties to the present Convention,

Recalling that peoples of all nations from ancient times have recognized the status of diplomatic agents,

Having in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the sovereign equality of States, the maintenance of international peace and security, and the promotion of friendly relations among nations,

Believing that an international convention on diplomatic intercourse, privileges and immunities would contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems,

Realizing that the purpose of such privileges and immunities is not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of diplomatic missions as representing States,

Affirming that the rules of customary international law should continue to govern questions not expressly regulated by the provisions of the present Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of the present Convention, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them:

(a) The "head of the mission" is the person charged by the sending State with the duty of acting in that capacity;

(b) The "members of the mission" are the head of the mission and the members of the staff of the mission;

(c) The "members of the staff of the mission" are the members of the diplomatic staff, of the administrative and technical staff and of the service staff of the mission;

(d) The "members of the diplomatic staff" are the members of the staff of the mission having diplomatic rank;

(e) A "diplomatic agent" is the head of the mission or a member of the diplomatic staff of the mission;

(f) The "members of the administrative and technical staff" are the members of the staff of the mission employed in the administrative and technical service of the mission;

(g) The "members of the service staff" are the members of the staff of the mission in the domestic service of the mission;

(h) A "private servant" is a person who is in the domestic service of a member of the mission and who is not an employee of the sending State;

Future Plans for Database

1. Add additional documents to ASEAN Documents & International Law Documents Database
2. Develop new searchable Database on the Status of ASEAN Agreements to enable users to determine which ASEAN agreements have entered into force and which agreements each ASEAN country has ratified
3. Upgrade search engine
4. Add third category of documents – Bilateral Investment Treaties entered into by ASEAN countries
5. For first two items CIL hopes to work in close collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat

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