EDITORS’ INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO APPENDICES B AND C

The United Nations has been active in areas concerning impunity, victim compensation, and international criminal responsibility for perpetrators of major international crimes and fundamental violations of human rights. Through the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, two special rapporteurs were appointed to prepare reports surveying the status of international law and to make recommendations. They are Judge Louis Joinet on the topic of the administration of justice and the human rights of detainees, and Theo Van Boven on a study concerning the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Because these reports deal with the subject of this special issue, they are included herewith as appendices.

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