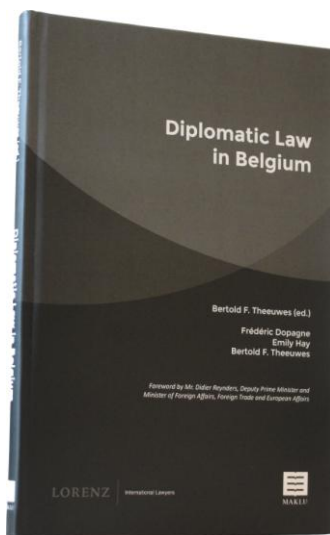


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Belgium hosts numerous diplomatic missions. These are either accredited to the Kingdom of Belgium or to one of the international organisations headquartered in Belgium. Their operation, as well as the legal status and privileges and immunities of their members, are essentially regulated by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, dated 18 April 1961.

This handbook describes Belgium's practice vis-à-vis these missions, and analyses the day-to-day implementation of the Vienna Convention by the various Belgian authorities. It systematically reviews the limited number of legislative or regulatory provisions, the Government's practice – set out inter alia in several 'circular notes' communicated to the missions present in Belgium – and, additionally, identifies the jurisprudence of courts and tribunals and highlights the possible deviations from the practice of the executive branch.

Designed as a guide intended primarily for diplomatic missions established in Belgium, this handbook is also relevant for civil servants, judges, lawyers and bailiffs encountering questions of diplomatic law in Belgium, as well as for students and researchers seeking information on national practice in this area of law.

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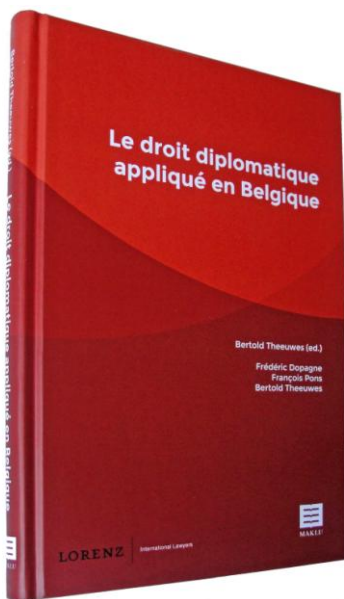
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De nombreuses missions diplomatiques sont présentes en Belgique. Elles sont établies tantôt auprès du Royaume, tantôt auprès de l'Union européenne. Leur fonctionnement, ainsi que le statut juridique, les privilèges et immunités de leurs membres sont, en substance, gouvernés principalement par la Convention de Vienne du 18 avril 1961 sur les relations diplomatiques.

Cet ouvrage rapporte la pratique de la Belgique à l'égard des missions précitées, et analyse la manière dont la Convention de Vienne est, au quotidien, appliquée par les diverses autorités belges.

Au-delà des dispositions législatives ou réglementaires – en nombre limité en l'occurrence –, la pratique gouvernementale, telle qu'établie notamment dans de nombreuses « notes circulaires » communiquées aux missions présentes en Belgique, fait l'objet d'une étude systématique. La jurisprudence des cours et tribunaux est également recensée, les éventuels écarts par rapport à la pratique de l'exécutif étant alors soulignés.

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