

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in International, European and German Law: Research at the EIW-Institute of the Faculty of Law

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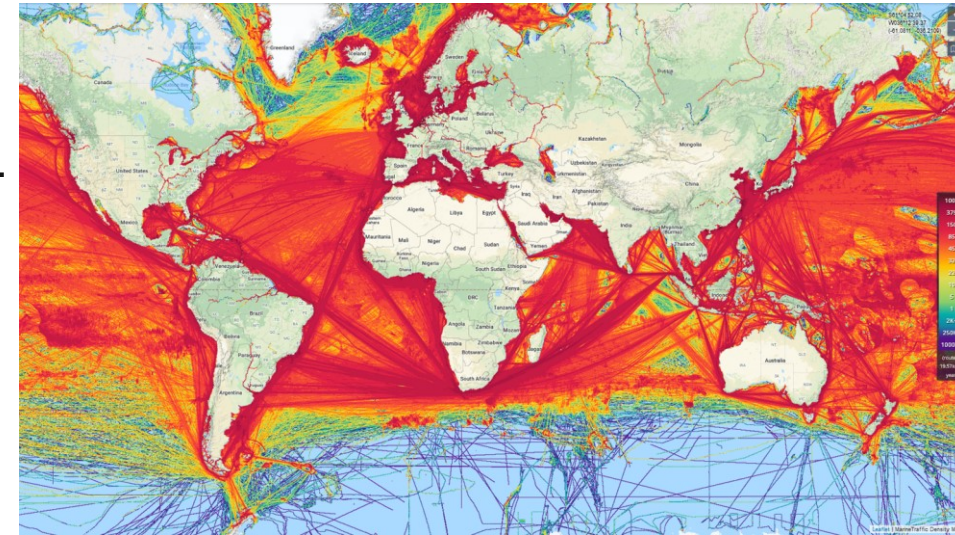
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- 2) Significance of SDGs in International, German and European Law
 - a) Sustainable Development in International Law: The UN SDGs Governance Effect
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 - c) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on corporate due diligence for sustainability and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of 23.2.2022 (CSDDD), EU Taxonomy, EU Green Deal, CRMA (Critical Raw Materials Act), Proposal of the EU Commission
- 3) Research and Funding at BELS, EIW Institute
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Introduction & Current Status (climate, human rights, environment)

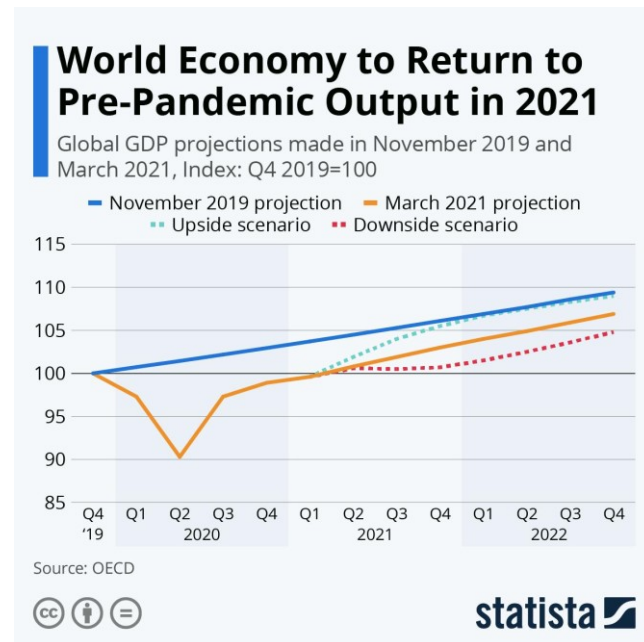
A Complex and Globalized World

- World economy linked by complex web of national, regional and international authorities and rules, e.g. WTO, UNCITRAL, ICSID
- In 2021, > 339 FTAs were in force, WTO recorded 548 regional trade agreements, OECD/UNCTAD list > 2298 BITs and approx. 324 trade and investment agreements
- Economic flows are mostly fragile: global investment flows (FDI) fell by 38% in 2020, reasons include SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, conflicts, shortage of raw materials, Conflict US, Russia, China
- Concerns of the international economy and environmental protection?
 - Excessive or unsustainable production and consumption
 - Population increase
 - Increased migratory pressure due to the effects of climate change

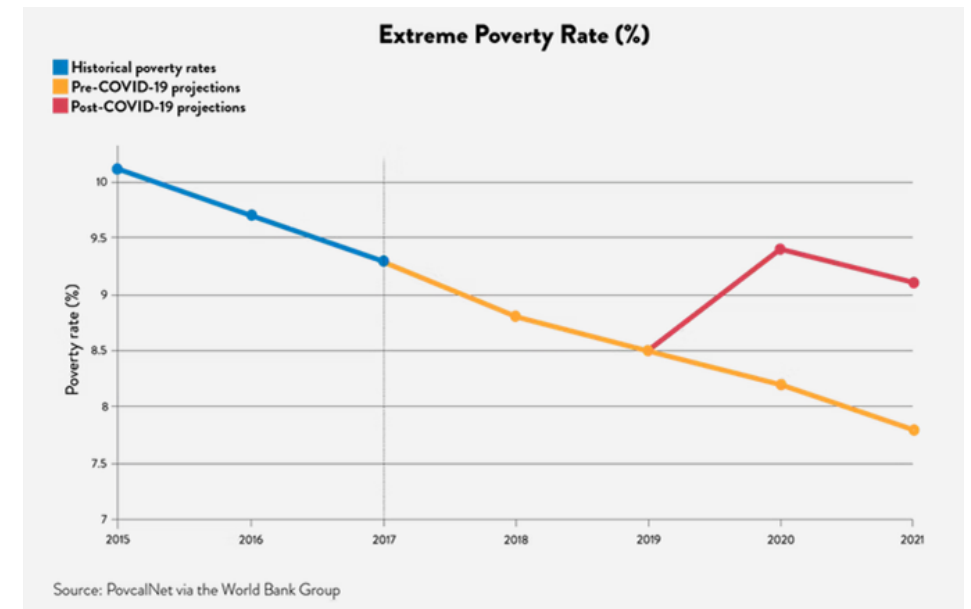
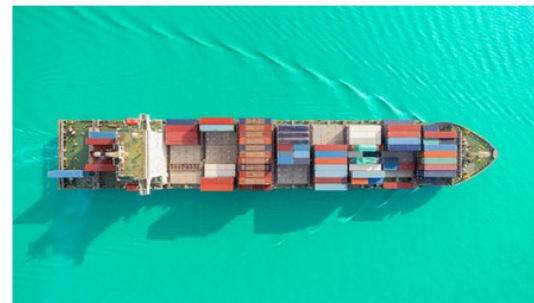


Marine Traffic, Marine Traffic Density (2021)

A Complex and Globalized World



Global Alliance speeds up international trade – unlocking investment and growth benefits

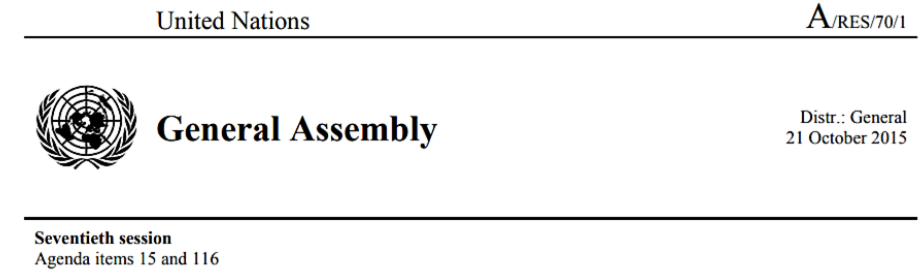


- Globalization today is spurred by finance, digitalization, artificial intelligence and (combined) megaprojects like the one belt one road initiative of China, Raise of Africa supported by China, Global Gateway, and concerns against China in terms of how to establish a right strategy on the background of “derisking”

International Law & Governance: UN SDGs in a transnational System

Global Agenda 2030 & UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Unanimously adopted on **25 September 2015** as resolution A/RES/70/1, in Force since **1th January 2016**
- Scope, objectives and targets are universal including developing countries, emerging markets and industrialised nations alike
- **17 goals and 169 sub-targets** encompass **sustainable economic, social and environmental** development
- SDGs were developed by the Open Working Group within two years using a *bottom-up* process based on the outcome of the **Rio+20 Conference** and the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**
- Attempts have been made since the 1980s to bridge the divide between developed and less developed countries by way of promoting sustainable development in international law, e.g.
 - International Law Association’s (ILA) “New Delhi Declaration of Principles of International Law Relating to Sustainable Development” (2002)
 - Establishment of New International Economic Order
- Third **International Conference on Financing for Development** took place in Addis Ababa on 13-16 July 2015 was explicitly integrated as the **Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA)**



Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/70/L.1)]

70/1. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The General Assembly

<p style="text-align: center;">Structure of the Global Agenda 2030</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Preamble Declaration SDGs Set in forth: 1.1.2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) Substantial: 17 SDGs and 169 subgoals; b) Measurement with 232 Indicators, nat. stat. offices c) Coordination: HPLF d) Voluntray National Reports (VNR)</p>	<p>outcome document of the United Nations summit for the development agenda:</p> <p>Title: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable</p> <p>of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks ace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest spensible requirement for sustainable development.</p>
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Global Agenda 2030 & UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Impact of Global Agenda 2030 and SDGs in a multilayered transnational system

1. International Organisations

UN ECESA
Executive Committee
of Economic and
Social Affairs Plus
(ECESA Plus),
brings together **50
plus UN entities** and
**intergovernmental
organisations** like
WTO, ILO, IAEA,
WIPO

2. Interregional Organisations

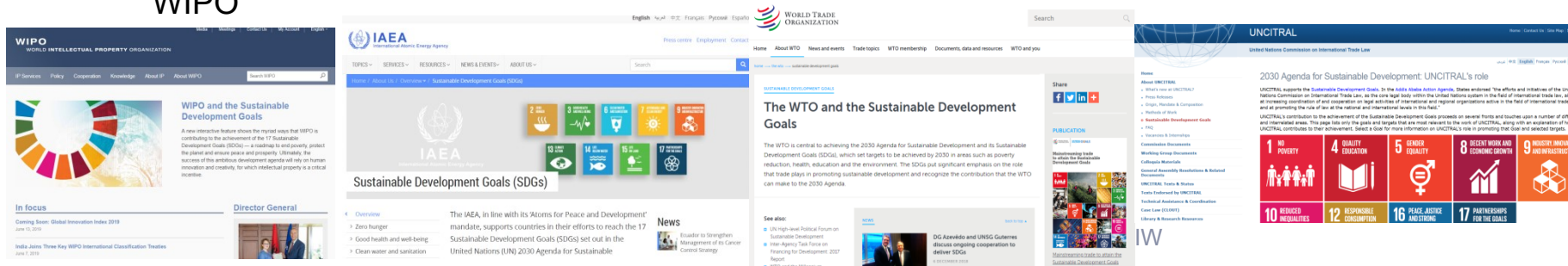
EU, ASEAN,
ACP Group of
States,
Organisation of
African Unity
(OAU)

3. Memberstates: 193

Legislative: Procurement, Environment, Social Life
Courts: ILA New Delhi, Sofia Declaration
Public administration: municipalities, Measurements against
Corruption

**5. Public and private law
as well** (trade, procurement,
investment, labor rights,
liability etc.)

4. CSO, UN COMPACT, PRME, Standards



EU's Sustainable Development Approach

UN: The Global Agenda 2030 incl 17 SDGs plus 169 Targets, 2015

Plus approx. 55 International Organisations:
e.g. ICAO, IMO, WTO, UNOUSA, UNCTAD, IAEA

Regional Organisations,
e.g. EU, ASEAN

States,
Countries,
Cities

Environment

Climate Protection

Human Rights

Social/Governance



EU: Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD), 2014

EU: Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), 2023

EU: Taxonomy Reg. 2020-2023

Reg. on a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

D: Federal Climate Protection Act (2022)
Federal Constitutional Court (BVerfG), decision on intertemporal fundamental rights; lawsuits by DUH and others / strategic climate litigation

EU: The Green Deal, 2019
(Target achievable a.o. Offshore renewable Energy)

EU: „Fit for 55“

EU: The Green Deal Industrial Plan, 2023

EU: Climate Law

EU: FTAs, TSD, GPS plus (ABA), various formats

ILO: Core Labour Standards [ILO 1988 Declaration]

United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) / UN Leitprinzipien für Wirtschaft und Menschenrechte der Vereinten Nationen

OECD Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) and sector-specific guidelines [OECD-Leitfaden für die Erfüllung der Sorgfaltspflicht für verantwortungsvolles unternehmerisches Handeln]

D: Due Diligence Act, 2023, 2024

EU: Proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence (CSDDD), 2023

Private Law:
Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD), Model Contract Clauses (ABA), European Model Clauses (EMCs) for supply chains building on the Model Contract Clauses (MCCs)
Contracts, General Terms and Conditions, individual contracts, Codes of Conduct

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EU taxonomy for sustainable investment (EU) 2020/852 of 18 June 2020

Article 3

Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities

For the purposes of establishing the degree to which an investment is environmentally sustainable, **an economic activity shall qualify as environmentally sustainable** where that economic activity:

[...]

(c) is carried out in compliance with the **minimum safeguards** laid down in Article 18;

Article 18

Minimum safeguards

1. The minimum safeguards referred to in point (c) of Article 3 shall be procedures implemented by an undertaking that is carrying out an economic activity to ensure the alignment with the **OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises** and the **UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**, including the **principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights.**

Supply chains and sustainability in practice



EU's Sustainable Development Approach

EU: Proposal on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in the EU (CSDDD)

- EU climate strategy: No explicit SDG strategy, but EU Green Deal, Fit for 55, EU and Trade, Industrial Plan, CRMA, especially in FTA's Trade & Sustainable Development chapter (TSD) and other policy areas.
- Support also from WTO (international trade, SDGs and climate protection)
- UN: The Global Agenda 2030 - Transforming the World

Due diligence legislation internationally (excerpt)

- USA: California Transparency in Supply Chains Act (California, 2010/2012)
- France: Loi de vigilance, 2017, law establishing binding corporate due diligence for human rights
- UK: Modern Slavery Act, 2015NL: Child Labour Due Diligence Law, 2019
- International: In 2014, an open-ended intergovernmental working group was mandated to draft a legally binding international treaty on "Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights". In 2022, the third revised draft was available. <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/binding-treaty/>



SDGs in German Law & Legislation

Germany's Sustainable Development Strategy: A Question of Governance?

Germany's Sustainable Development Strategy

A future in which nature and the climate are protected, fewer people suffer from hardship, social cohesion is maintained – these and others are the objectives being pursued by Germany through its Sustainable Development Strategy, whereby the focus transcends national borders. And rapid action is required, as the international community has set itself a deadline.

Sustainability in concrete terms: protecting the climate and public health

In relation to energy production and climate protection, the Sustainable Development Strategy, which was further refined in 2021, promotes more rapid implementation of the 13th Global Sustainability Goal ("climate protection measures"). The Federal Government passed a Climate Protection Act to this end in 2019, which was amended in 2021: according to this, Germany is to achieve greenhouse gas neutrality by 2045. Steadily decreasing emission levels have already been specified for this purpose.

In terms of the third Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) "Health and Wellbeing" (SDG 3), the Federal Government is committed to improving global health, not least with a view to combating so-called zoonoses, i.e., infectious diseases that can occur in both animals and humans.

- In existence since 2016, Federal Cabinet approved further development on 10 March 2021
- Oriented on SDGs
- Focus on Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Public Health, Gender Equality & Circular Economy

SDGs in German Law & Legislation

Act on Corporate Due Diligence Obligations in Supply Chains (LkSG)

- In force since 1 January 2023 for companies with > 3000 employees (from 1 January 2024: > 1000 employees)
- Law obliges companies to “observe human rights and environmental due diligence obligations in an appropriate manner with the aim of preventing or minimising human rights or environmental risks or ending the violation of human rights or environmental obligations” (§ 3 (1) sentence 1 LkSG)
- Background: United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP), ILO Core Labour Standards (ILO Declaration of 1988) and in Germany the National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights (NAP). In implementing the UNGPs, “companies can take guidance from the OECD’s Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) due diligence guide”
- A representative survey conducted in July 2020 had shown that only 13-17% of the companies surveyed complied with the requirements of the National Action Plan (NAP)
- Issues at stake: Civil liability, responsibility for environmental damage
- Climate responsibility? BVerfG, greenhouse gases, IPCC, arguments of strategic climate lawsuits (Environmental Action Germany – DUH)

Human rights and environmental due diligence obligations of companies (HREDD)

- Establish a risk management system and conduct a risk analysis
- Adoption of a policy statement on corporate human rights strategy
- Anchoring preventive measures
- Immediate adoption of remedial measures in the event of identified violations of the law
- Establishment of a complaints procedure
- Documentation and reporting obligations for the fulfilment of due diligence obligations
- https://www.bafa.de/DE/Lieferketten/lieferketten_node.html



Supply Chain Act

Supply Chain Act



Overview

The Supply Chain Act addresses the responsibility of German enterprises to respect human rights in global supply chains.

SECTION MENU

Overview

Reporting Obligation

Risk Analysis

Appropriateness and Effectiveness

Complaints Procedure

Submit a Complaint

About Borna

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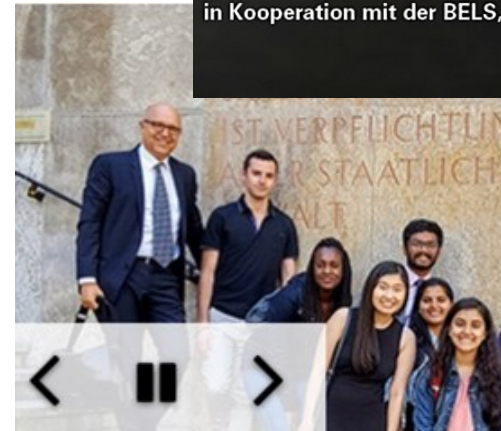
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SDG Research: Presentations (Excerpts)

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Gastvortrag am 18.11.2015: Nachhaltigkeit versus Wirtschaftlichkeit? Zur Integrationsfähigkeit der UN Sustainable Development Goals in internationales Wirtschaftsrecht

Im Rahmen des EVM Info-Fensters hält **Prof. Dr. Winfried Huck**, Hochschule Ostfalia, am **18. November 2015** von 15:15 bis 16:45 im Festsaal D101 einen Vortrag über den Stand der Zielimplementierung zur nachhaltigen Entwicklung. Denn schon am 01. Januar 2016 sollen die UN-Ziele Gültigkeit erlangen. Wer hat sich vorbereitet? Wer kann und will die Ziele ernstlich verfolgen? Wer wird die Ziele und vor allem wie erreichen? Diese Fragen wird Huck beleuchten.

Studierende des Europäischen Verwaltungsmanagements aber auch der anderen Studiengänge sind eingeladen an der Vorlesung teilzunehmen und mitzudiskutieren.

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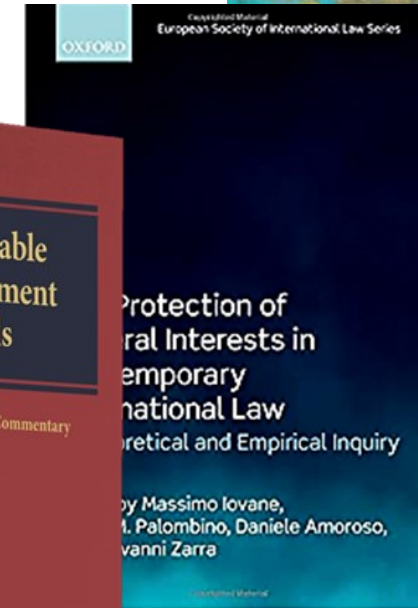
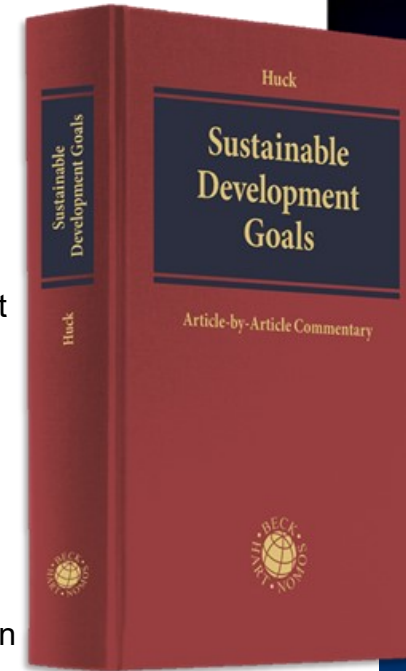
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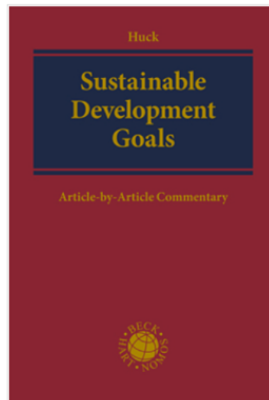
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
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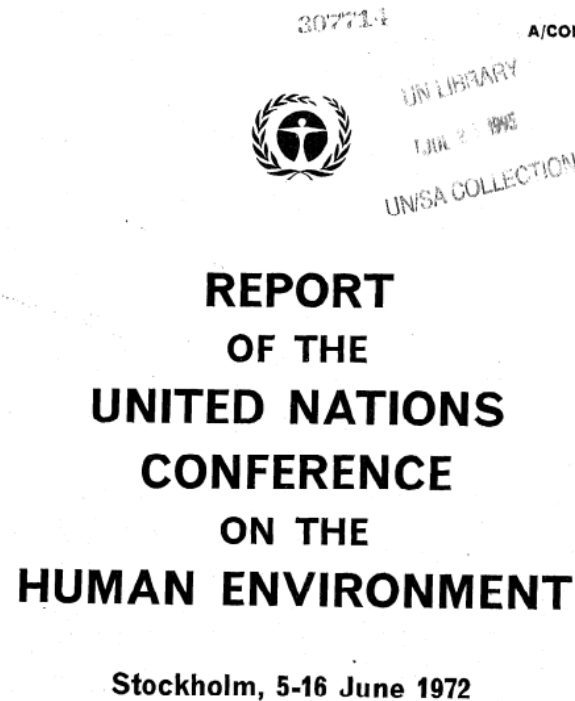
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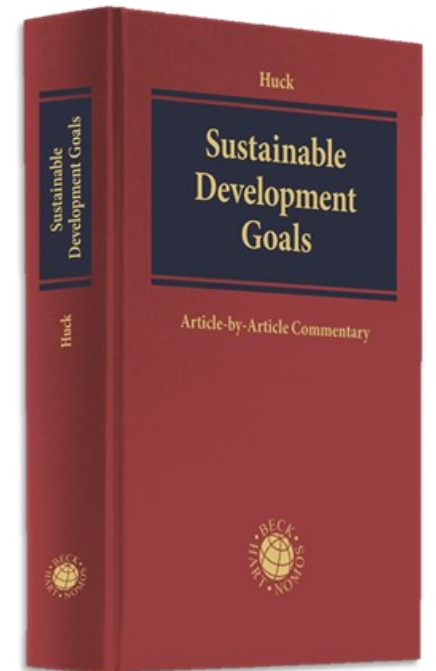
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