



# World Treaties

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Heafey's reference librarians have compiled this list of world treaty resources, which are available on the Internet or in the Heafey collection. Be sure to note the specific locations listed below for individual materials.

## 1. MULTINATIONAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

- **United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS), 1946 -**

The *United Nations Treaty Series* is the most extensive collection of post-World War II treaties; it includes more than 50,000 bilateral and multilateral treaties. The Heafey Law Library has the series in microfiche, but there is a delay in the microfiche publication of recent treaties. These more recent treaties are available in the electronic *United Nations Treaty Collection*, below. A current index to multilateral treaties in the *UNTS*, entitled *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General*, below, is published annually and shelved in the second floor stacks. In addition, cumulative print indexes to the *UNTS* are shelved in the microfiche reference collection.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 172 U35 (Microforms)

The *United Nations Treaty Series* is also available online in the *United Nations Treaty Collection*, [untreaty.un.org](http://untreaty.un.org) (ask for the User ID and password at the Reference Desk or call us at (408) 554-4452). The *UN Treaty Collection* includes a section entitled *Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General*. This is an electronic version of the print publication *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General*, updated more frequently than the print version.

- **League of Nations Treaty Series (LNTS), 1920 – 1944**

The *League of Nations Treaty Series* was published from the end of World War I through World War II and includes more than 4800 treaties. The Heafey Law Library has the complete series in microfiche, including a series of nine microfiche indexes to the series. Each index covers about 500 treaties and is published in French and English.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 172 I43 (Microforms)

Treaties from the *League of Nations Treaty Series* are also available online in the *United Nations Treaty Database*, [untreaty.un.org](http://untreaty.un.org) (ask for the User ID and password at the Reference Desk or call us at (408) 554-4452).

- **Consolidated Treaty Series (Parry), 1648 - 1919**

Parry's *Consolidated Treaty Series* begins with the Peace of Westphalia and includes treaties until the end of World War I, the founding of the League of Nations, and the publication of the *League of Nations Treaty Series*. Treaties are arranged chronologically. Although many are in English, there are treaties in other languages as well. The Series has its own multivolume index, which is shelved at the end of the last treaty volume.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 120 .P37 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **International Legal Materials (ILM), 1962 –**

*International Legal Materials* is a periodical published by the American Society of International Law. It reprints the texts of selected treaties and agreements, judicial proceedings, legislation and regulation. Documents appear in the original language and in unofficial English translation

if the original language is not English. Some *ILM* documents are accompanied by introductory notes. *ILM* is an unofficial, but authoritative source for some recent treaties not yet published in official sources.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ64 I58 (Second Floor Stacks)

*International Legal Materials* is also available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*, on Lexis (INTLAW;ILM) and Westlaw (ILM). See the database listing on the law library web page: [http://www.scu.edu/law/library/electronic\\_databases.html](http://www.scu.edu/law/library/electronic_databases.html)

## 2. FINDING GUIDES AND STATUS INFORMATION

- **Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General, 1981 -**

This guide is published annually and indexes only multilateral treaties in the *UNTS* (*UNTS* includes both multilateral and bilateral treaties). The guide is arranged topically according to broad subject categories -- Human rights, Health, Law of the Sea, Law of Treaties, etc. Status information is provided: dates on which the treaties were signed and entered into force, parties to the treaties, any reservations. From 1969 – 1980, the publication was entitled *Multilateral Treaties in respect of which the Secretary-General performs depository functions (JZ5105 ST/LEG/SER.D)*.

*Call Number & Location:* JZ5105 ST/LEG/SER.E (Second Floor Stacks)

An electronic version of *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General*, entitled *Status of Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary General*, is available online as part of the *United Nations Treaty Collection* ([untreaty.un.org](http://untreaty.un.org)), above. The online version is updated more frequently than the print version. (A password is required to access the *United Nations Treaty Collection* online; ask at the reference desk.) Other print and electronic indexes to United Nations documents include, but are not limited to: AccessUN, the Readex index to UN documents and publications, UNDOC, and UNDEX.

- **Cumulative Index to the United Nations Treaty Series, 1946 -**

The *Cumulative Index to the United Nations Treaty Series* is a print index to the *UNTS*, a microform collection. The advantage of this index is that it indexes both bilateral and multilateral treaties within *UNTS* (*Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary General*, above, includes multilateral treaties only). The disadvantage is that the index is composed of forty individual indexes, each of which covers 50 or 100 volumes in the *UNTS*.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 172 U35 Index (Microform Reference)

- **Multilateral Treaties: Index and Current Status (Bowman and Harris)**

The original volume of *Multilateral Treaties* indexes treaties from 1856 through 1983. The most recent supplement continues coverage through 1993. Treaties are arranged chronologically. Information provided includes the name of each treaty, appropriate citations, relevant dates, parties, information about reservations and subsequent amendments, and descriptive notes. The supplement includes not only new treaties entered into after 1983, but also changes in the status of pre-1984 treaties. Both the original volume and the supplement include subject and word indexes.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 118 B68 1984 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **World Treaty Index (Rohn)**

This second edition of the *World Treaty Index* includes information about treaties from 1900 through 1980. The set consists of five volumes. Information about the treaties is arranged in the Main Entry volumes, with volume two covering treaties from 1900 – 1959; volume three

from 1960 – 1980. In addition to indexing treaties published in the *League of Nations Treaty Series* and *United Nations Treaty Series*, above, the *World Treaty Index* contains a list of national treaty sources in volume one and indexes treaties published there during this time period. Volumes four and five provide indexes by party and keyword.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 173 .R64 1997 (Reference Collection)

- **League of Nations Treaty Series Index**

This is a microform index, filed with the LNTS microfiche. LNTS treaties are also indexed in print treaty finding guides such as Bowman and Harris and Rohn's *World Treaty Index*, above. These are easier to use than the microfiche index.

*Call Number & Location:* KZ 172 I43 (Microforms)

### 3. TREATIES ON LEXIS AND WESTLAW

- In addition to U.S. treaties (USTRTY), **Lexis** includes International Legal Materials (ILM), United Nations documents and treaties on immigration (IMMUND), EU Treaties on the CELEX database (not updated), and many international tax treaties and treaties contained in the Basic Documents in International Economic Law (BDIEL) database. To access most treaty databases from the Lexis legal directory, select Area of Law by Topic, then the topic of interest or International Law, or select Legal (excluding U.S.) and the directory link for an individual country.
- On **Westlaw**, the principal U.S. Treaties database is USTREATIES. Additional treaty databases include the enhanced text of NAFTA (NAFTATEXT), International Legal Materials (ILM), a collection of European Union Treaties (EU-TREATIES), selected United Kingdom treaties (on human rights UKHR-TREATIES and intellectual property UKIP-TREATIES) and some topical treaty databases: tax, arbitration, antitrust, etc. To access many Westlaw treaties databases from the Westlaw directory, click on: **All Databases > International/Worldwide Materials > Multi-National Materials > Legislation**.

### 4. TREATY COLLECTIONS ON THE WEB

- The Electronic Information System for International Law ([www.eisil.org](http://www.eisil.org)) is a source of information about international treaties and agreements, organized by topic. The United States is a party to many of the agreements noted there. EISIL links to online versions of treaties and provides citations to official sources.
- The Fletcher Multilaterals Project ([fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html](http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html)) provides the text of many current multilateral conventions. The conventions are organized into ten broad topics; a chronological listing is also available. Although the texts are derived from authoritative sources, complete citations are generally not provided. The Fletcher site also links to other online treaty collections and research guides.
- The text of the North American Free Trade Agreement is available from the NAFTA Secretariat website: [www.nafta-sec-alena.org](http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org). It is also included in the Lexis and Westlaw U.S. Treaty databases. Other international organizations also have websites that link to treaty documents: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org), [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org), etc.
- The United Nations Treaty Collection ([untreaty.un.org](http://untreaty.un.org)) is a subscription database for which a password is required (ask at the reference desk). Information about the status of and

compliance with several major UN treaties is available to the public from the UN Treaties Database: [www.unhcr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf](http://www.unhcr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf)

- European Union treaties are available on Europa: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/index.htm>
- The Council of Europe Treaty Series (and its predecessor the European Treaty Series) are available at the Council of Europe website: <http://conventions.coe.int/>
- Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators (<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/entri/>) includes a Treaty Locator. Use the locator to access the full text of selected environmental treaties on topics such as air and water quality, land use, hazardous waste, etc. Status information is also provided for these treaties.
- Two good sources of human rights documents are the Minnesota Human Rights Library (<http://www.umn.edu/humanrts/>) and Yale University's Diana Project (part of Yale's Avalon Project): <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/diana/>
- The Avalon project at Yale is a good source of historical treaties: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>

## 5. TREATY RESEARCH GUIDES ON THE WEB

- **Treaties, ASIL Electronic Resources** (Jill Watson)  
<http://www.asil.org/resource/treaty1.htm>  
This research guide focuses on treaty research on the Internet. It includes links to several of the Internet treaty collections listed above, and to online treaty collections of several countries other than the United States.
- **Researching non-U.S. Treaties** (Stefanie Weigmann)  
[http://www.llrx.com/features/non\\_ustreaty.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/non_ustreaty.htm)  
Although this guide has not been updated for several years and many of the links are no longer working, it still contains much valuable information about multilateral treaty research and online sources of bilateral treaties to which the United States is not one of the parties.
- Some excellent online treaty research guides are available from various law school libraries with large international collections, including:  
  
Boston University: [http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/int/guides/guide\\_treaties\\_nonUS.htm](http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/int/guides/guide_treaties_nonUS.htm)  
  
Columbia: [http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research\\_Guides/internat\\_law/treaty\\_research](http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research_Guides/internat_law/treaty_research)  
  
Georgetown: [http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/treaty/treaty\\_3.html](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/treaty/treaty_3.html)  
  
New York University: [http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign\\_intl/treaties.html](http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/treaties.html)

To find additional law library research guides, enter the search terms <treaty research> in any of the major Internet search engines and select from the results.

## Current Treaty Sources (Treaty sources still being updated)

| Treaty/Agreement Source   | Bluebook Citation    | Indexes/Guides   |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>World Treaties</b>   |                      |  |
| <b>United Nations Treaty Series</b><br>Official; 1946 –<br><i>KZ172 U35 Heafey Microform Collection</i>   | x U.N.T.S. xxx       | <b>Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General</b> ;<br>available in print and online at <b>untreaty.un.org</b> (password)<br>Searchable on <b>AccessUN</b> , the Readex UN CD-Rom, and<br><b>untreaty.un.org</b><br>Microfiche and print indexes with Microforms (50 – 100 vols. per)  |
| <b>International Legal Materials</b><br>1962 –<br><i>KZ64 I58 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>  | x I.L.M. xxx         | Searchable on <b>Westlaw</b> , <b>Lexis</b> , and <b>Hein Online</b>   |
| <b>U.S. Treaties and Agreements</b>   |                      |  |
| <b>United States Treaties and Other International Agreements</b><br>Official; 1950 –<br><i>KZ235.3 U55 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>                               | x U.S.T. xxx         | <b>Treaties in Force</b> ; available in print and on <b>Lexis</b> , <b>Westlaw</b> ,<br>and the <b>Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library</b><br><b>A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force</b> ; available in<br>print and on <b>Hein Online</b><br><b>United States Treaty Index: Cumulation</b><br><b>Current Treaty Index</b> ; available in print and on <b>Hein Online</b> |
| <b>Treaties and Other International Acts Series</b><br>Official; Slip treaties; 1945 --<br><i>KZ 235.32 U55 Heafey Microform Collection</i>                         | T.I.A.S. No. x       | <b>Treaties in Force</b> ; available in print and on <b>Lexis</b> , <b>Westlaw</b> ,<br>and the <b>Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library</b><br><b>A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force</b> ; available in<br>print and on <b>Hein Online</b><br><b>United States Treaty Index: Cumulation</b><br><b>Current Treaty Index</b> ; available in print and on <b>Hein Online</b> |
| <b>Senate Treaty Documents</b><br>Official; 1981 –<br><i>KF49 [S385] Heafey Microform Collection</i>  | S. Treaty Doc. No. x | <b>C.I.S. Indexes and Abstracts</b><br><b>United States Treaty Index: Cumulation</b><br><b>Current Treaty Index</b> ; available in print and on <b>Hein Online</b><br>Available online at <b>Thomas</b> (thomas.loc.gov) and <b>GPO</b><br><b>Access</b> ( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov">www.gpoaccess.gov</a> ), 104 <sup>th</sup> Congress (1995 --)                                  |
| <b>Hein's United States treaties and other international agreements-<br/>           Current service</b><br>1984 –<br><i>KZ235.3 H44 Heafey Microform Collection</i> | Hein's No. KAV xxxx  | <b>United States Treaty Index: Cumulation</b><br><b>Current Treaty Index</b> ; available in print and on <b>Hein Online</b>  |

## Historical Treaty Sources (Treaty sources no longer updated)

| Treaty/Agreement Source  | Bluebook Citation  | Indexes/Guides   |
|--|--------------------|--|
| <b>World Treaties</b>  |                    |  |
| <b>League of Nations Treaty Series</b><br><i>Official; 1920 - 1945</i><br><i>KZ172 .L43 Heafey Microform Collection</i>  | x L.N.T.S. xxx     | <b>Microfiche Index</b> filed with the Treaty Series<br><b>World Treaty Index</b> (Rohn)<br><b>Multilateral Treaties</b> (Bowman and Harris)<br><b>Index to Multilateral Treaties</b> (1963)   |
| <b>Parry's Consolidated Treaty Series</b><br><i>1648 – 1919</i><br><i>KZ120 .P37 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>  | x Consol. T.S. xxx | See <b>Index-Guides</b> shelved at the end of the set:<br>chronological (vols. 1-5); special chronological (vols. 1-2); part index (vols. 1-5)   |
| <b>U.S. Treaties and Agreements</b>  |                    |  |
| <b>United States Statutes at Large</b><br><i>Official; 1778 – 1949</i><br><i>KF50 Heafey First Floor Stacks</i>  | x Stat. xxx        | <b>64 Stat. B1107; 18 Stat.</b> ; Part 2 (List of Treaties;<br>Index to Public Treaties);<br>Searchable U.S. Treaties on <b>Lexis, Westlaw, and</b><br><b>Hein Online</b>  |
| <b>Treaty Series (United States)</b><br><i>Official; 1778 - 1945; replaced by T.I.A.S. in 1945</i><br><i>KZ235.32 U54 Heafey Microform Collection; not complete</i>  | T.S. No. x         | <b>Multilateral Treaties</b> (Bowman and Harris)<br><b>Index to Multilateral Treaties</b> (1963)   |
| <b>Executive Agreement Series</b><br><i>Official; 1922 - 1945; replaced by T.I.A.S. in 1945</i><br><i>Series not at Heafey Law Library</i>   | E.A.S. No. x       | <b>Multilateral Treaties</b> (Bowman and Harris)<br><b>Index to Multilateral Treaties</b> (1963)   |
| <b>Senate Executive Documents</b><br><i>Official; 1778 – 1980</i><br><i>KF49 [S385] Heafey Microform Collection</i>  | S. Exec. Doc. X    | <b>C.I.S. Indexes and Abstracts</b> (1971 -)   |
| <b>Treaties and Other International Agreements<br/>of the United States of America</b><br><i>1776-1949</i><br><i>KZ236 1968 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>   | x Bevans xxx       | <b>13 Bevans</b><br><b>United States Treaties and Other International<br/>Agreements Cumulative Index: 1776 – 1949</b><br><b>World Treaty Index</b> (Rohn)<br><b>Multilateral Treaties</b> (Bowman and Harris)<br><b>Index to Multilateral Treaties</b> (1963) |
| <b>Treaties and Other International Acts<br/>of the United States of America (Miller)</b><br><i>1776-1863</i><br><i>KF236 1931 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>  |                    | Available on <b>Hein Online</b>  |
| <b>Treaties, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols, and Agreements<br/>Between the United States of America and Other Powers (Malloy)</b><br><i>1776-1937</i><br><i>KF236 1910 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i> |                    | Chronological list, alphabetical index, and treaty<br>table in <b>Volume 4</b><br>Available on <b>Hein Online</b><br><b>Multilateral Treaties</b> (Bowman and Harris)<br><b>Index to Multilateral Treaties</b> (1963)  |

For additional indexes, guides, and treaty sources, see earlier pages of this guide, Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library, and The Bluebook: a Uniform System of Citation, Table T.4: Treaty Sources