

PREFACE

The New Zealand members of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges were proud to host the Fifth World Conference in Wellington, New Zealand between 22 October 2002 and 25 October 2002. The theme of the Conference was "Stemming the Tide or Keeping the Balance – The Role of the Judiciary".

The IARLJ was fortunate in attracting academics and international judges who spoke on a range of challenging issues including the Global Movement of People, Interception, Detention, and Judicial Independence. Coinciding with UNHCR's Global Consultations on International Protection, the Conference included commentary from UNHCR and others on its recent initiatives. We are grateful to all those speakers, panellists and chairs who contributed to the Conference and to those who have consented to the publication of their papers. We hope that this publication will give those interested more insight into these very complex issues, which continue to challenge those involved in the field of refugee law.

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