

State Practice Regarding State Succession and Issues of Recognition/ Pratique des états concernant la succession d'états et les questions de reconnaissance

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On the basis of the information gathered, the CAHDI decided on the preparation of a report by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights.

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