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Based on an initial stock-taking workshop held at the University of Oxford in February 2019 and our own literature review, we identified the gap in the scholarship on IOM that this volume seeks to fill: rigorous, empirically well-informed assessment of IOM taking into account its legal obligations and current institutional features, including its 2016

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Agreement with the UN. We also aimed to bring scholars together who are both informed by and contributing to the burgeoning scholarship on the accountability of international organizations (IOs) in international relations and international legal scholarship generally. Contributors were invited in light of diverse criteria: we sought to invite scholars at all career stages, including several who have made recent important contributions to the scholarship on IOs in general, and those with sectoral expertise on key fields of IOM activity, often inviting them to focus on IOM in particular for the first time. We are grateful to all our contributors, including E. Tendayi Achiume for her insightful foreword. The majority of contributors to this volume came together for an online authors' workshop in November 2021, and we thank them all for their commitment to this project, their patience, and the expertise and insight they brought to their contributions.

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