

# INTRODUCTION TO THE SUPPLEMENT

Richard Scott's three-volume work, *The History of the International Energy Agency: The First 20 Years*, is probably the most comprehensive and best told history to have been written about a modern-day international organisation. The author of this *Supplement*, having been privileged to serve as Mr. Scott's successor as IEA Legal Counsel, is among the many who have benefited immensely from that invaluable resource.

This *Supplement* does not purport to be a sequel to *The History*, which eloquently tells the story of the Agency's origins and of its evolution through 1994 (and in some respects beyond then). The *Supplement* seeks to relate as thoroughly as possible the subsequent events in the Agency's history, but it does so within the framework of Mr. Scott's book, providing the new information in the specific sections of the particular volume of the book to which the subsequent events pertain. Under this approach, only the affected sections are discussed in the *Supplement*, and some chapters or sections of *The History* receive no or only minor updating. Those readers who are lawyers will recognise this methodology as similar to that of a supplement to a legal treatise, which enables a researcher to learn about recent developments by going directly from a section of a volume of the principal work to the same section of the same volume of the supplement.

The "treatise supplement" approach seems especially apt for Volume I of *The History*, subtitled "Origins and Structure", which, after providing an historical perspective, addresses mainly institutional and legal issues. In the case, however, of Chapter VII of Volume I, on "Programmes of Work, Budgets and Finance", the new developments have been so significant and the changes in IEA practice so extensive, that it seemed advisable to depart to some extent from section-by-section composition. In that chapter of the *Supplement to Volume I*, therefore, Sections A through C are replaced with a single chronological presentation. It is indicative of how large the budget, finance and programme of work issues loomed during the period under review, that this is the longest single discussion in the *Supplement*.

The subtitle of Volume II of *The History*, "Major Policies and Actions", conveys the sense of how that volume differs from the first one (Volume III is comprised of copies of principal documents). Noteworthy in the *Supplement to Volume II* is the length of the presentation on "Energy and Environment" in Section IV.E.; like the discussion of budget, finance and programme of work issues, this

reflects the importance played by environmental (and later, sustainable development) issues in the Agency's work and deliberations over the period from 1994 to the present.

To assist the reader in navigating the *Supplement to Volume II*, attention needs to be drawn to several of its aspects:

- Chapter III, "IEA Oil Security: The Core of Energy Security", begins with a chronological presentation on this general subject, before moving on to specific sections under this heading. Some historical background information has been included to make the IEA developments more comprehensible to the reader, but it should be remembered that, as Richard Scott said in his Introduction to Volume II (at page 17), "the broader elements of background and context, as well as the policy view of individual Members as expressed in the IEA, fall outside the intended scope of this work."
- Volume II of *The History* contains discrete discussions, in Sections III.C. through E., of the 1979-1981 oil supply disruption, the Co-ordinated Emergency Response Measures (CERM) and the 1990-1991 Gulf Crisis. In order to remain consistent with this format, the three oil emergency contingency response plans adopted by the Agency's Governing Board since 1994 have been discussed in the *Supplement* in new Sections III.G. through I. This is the only instance in which section designations have been added in the *Supplement*.
- The IEA's *World Energy Outlook*, first published in 1994, has since *The History* was written become an increasingly important work-product of the Agency, deserving of attention in its own right as well as for what it has to say about other energy topics. The *WEO* is discussed in the *Supplement* at the inception of Chapter IV, "Long-Term Energy Policies: Reducing Members' Dependence on Imported Oil".
- The IEA has become known as the world's foremost source not only of oil market statistics, but of energy statistics generally, and in Sections VI.A., "Oil Market Information Policies", and Section VI.D., "Dissemination of Oil Market Information", the author of the *Supplement* has taken the liberty of reporting on the Agency's statistical activities with regard to all forms of energy.

Some subject matter recurs throughout the *Supplement*. In certain cases this has resulted in repetition, while in others, cross-referencing has been employed. An effort has been made to strike a balance between these two techniques.

Within the *Supplement*, references are made both to sections of Mr. Scott's text and to sections of this *Supplement* itself. To make the distinction clear, references to the Scott text are specifically to *The History*.