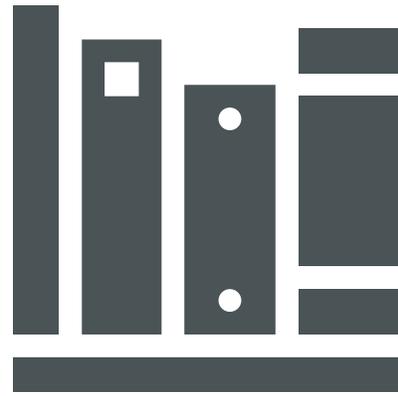


INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

Spring 2025

TOPICS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION



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SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available

1949–1951

Extended participation in general multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations

1963

Most-favoured-nation clause (Part One)

1968–1978

Treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between two or more international organizations

1971–1982

Reservations to treaties

1995–2011

1951

Reservations to multilateral conventions

1950–1966

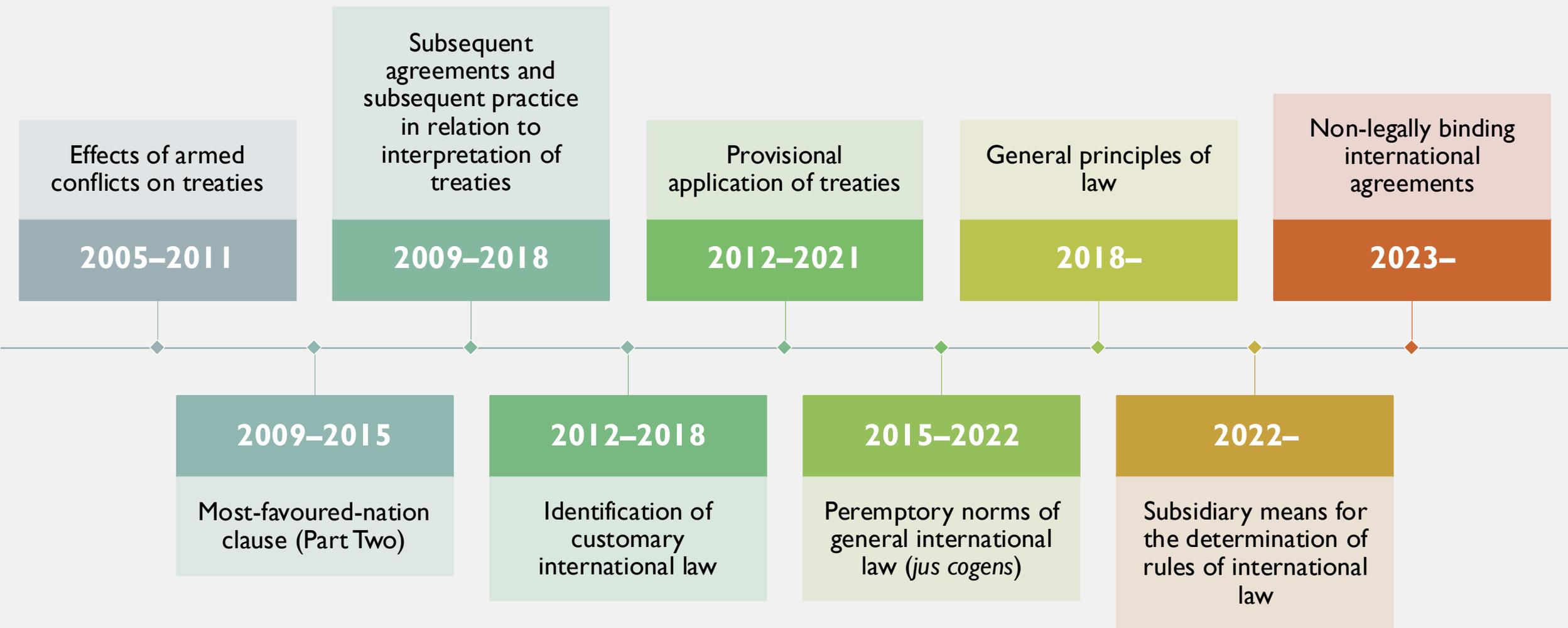
Law of treaties

1978

Review of the multilateral treaty-making process

2002–2006

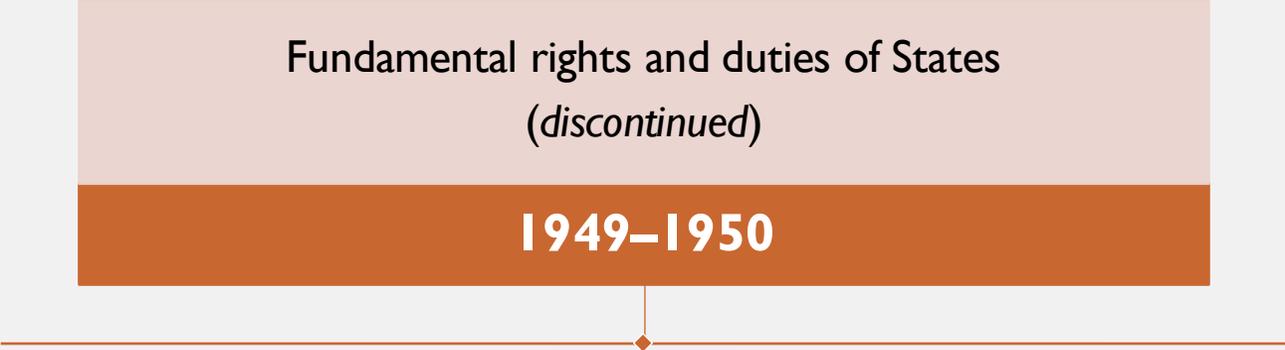
Fragmentation of international law: difficulties arising from the diversification and expansion of international law



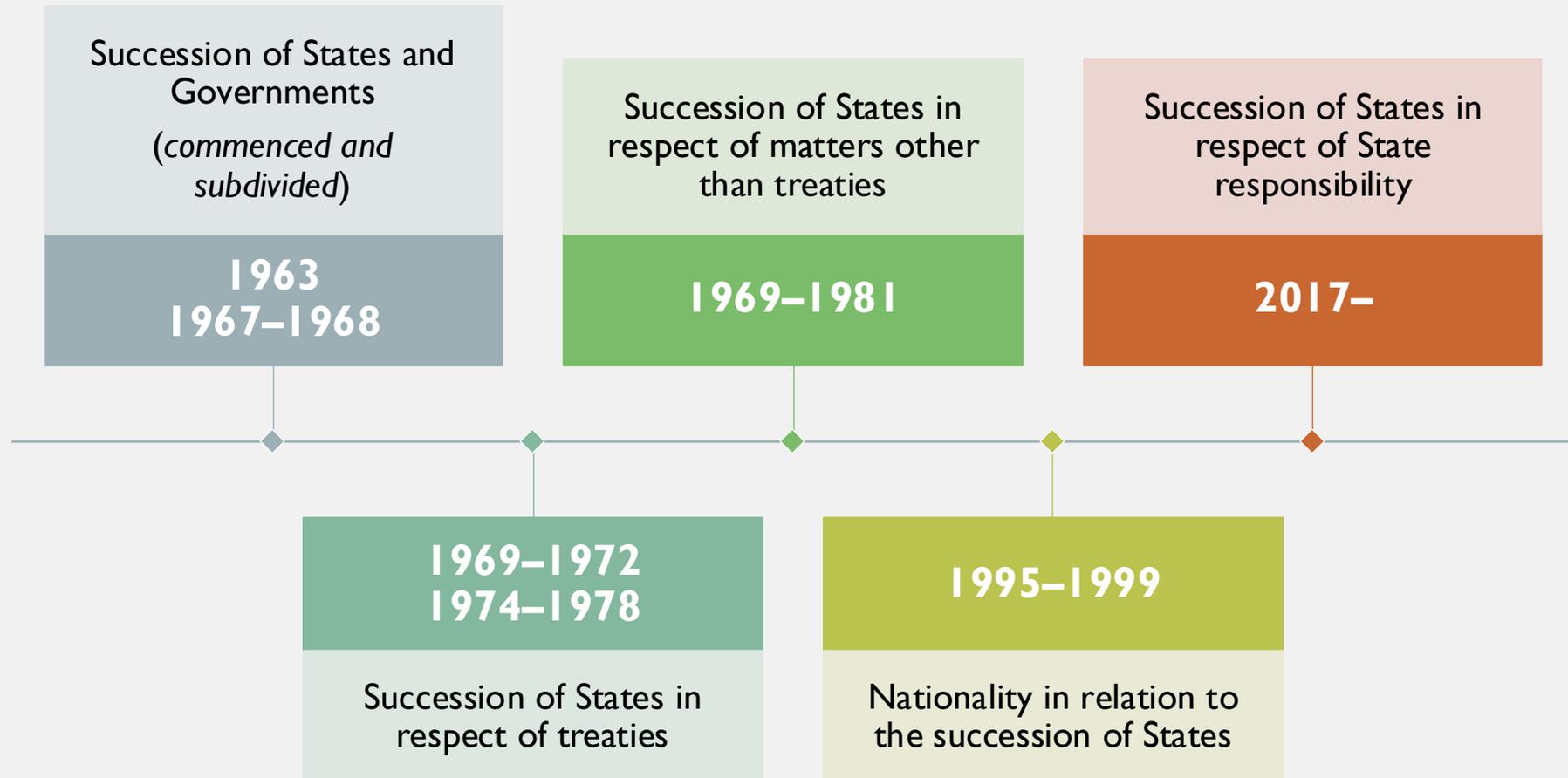
SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Fundamental rights and duties of States
(*discontinued*)

1949–1950



SUCCESSION OF STATES



STATE JURISDICTION / IMMUNITY FROM JURISDICTION

Jurisdictional immunities of
States and their property

1979–1991

1999

2007–

Immunity of State officials from
foreign criminal jurisdiction

LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Representation of States in their relations with international organizations

1958–1971

Related:

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Responsibility of international organizations

1958–1992

Status, privileges and immunities of international organizations, their officials, experts, etc.
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Settlement of disputes to which international organizations are parties

POSITION OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Nationality including statelessness

1951–1954

Protection of persons in the event of disasters

2007–2016

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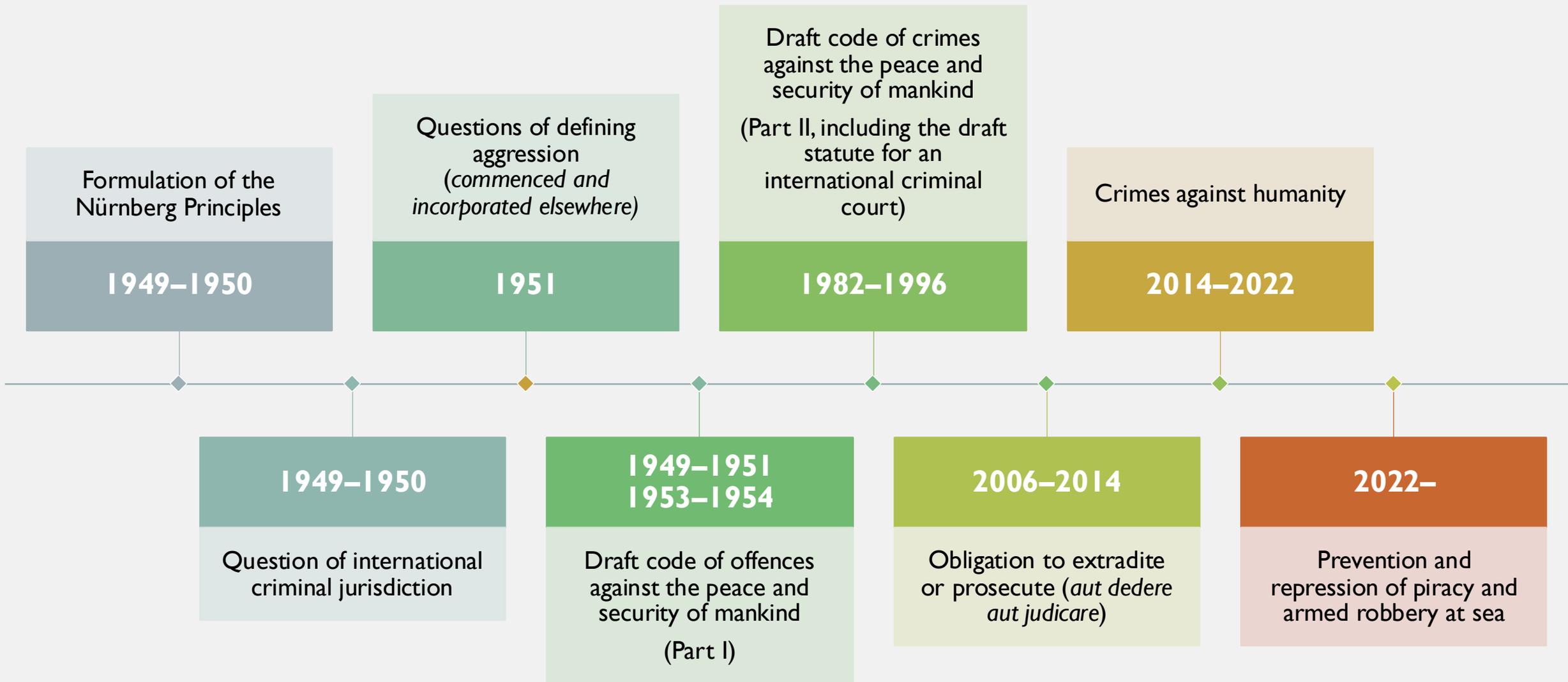
2005–2014

Expulsion of aliens

1950, 1960

Right of asylum
(*discontinued*)

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW



LAW OF INTERNATIONAL SPACES

Law of the sea —
régime of the high seas

1950–1956

Juridical régime of
historic waters,
including historic bays
(*discontinued*)

1960

Shared natural
resources (Oil and Gas)
(*discontinued*)

2002–2010

Protection of the
atmosphere

2013–2021

Sea-level rise in relation
to international law

2019–2025

1950
1952–1956

Law of the sea —
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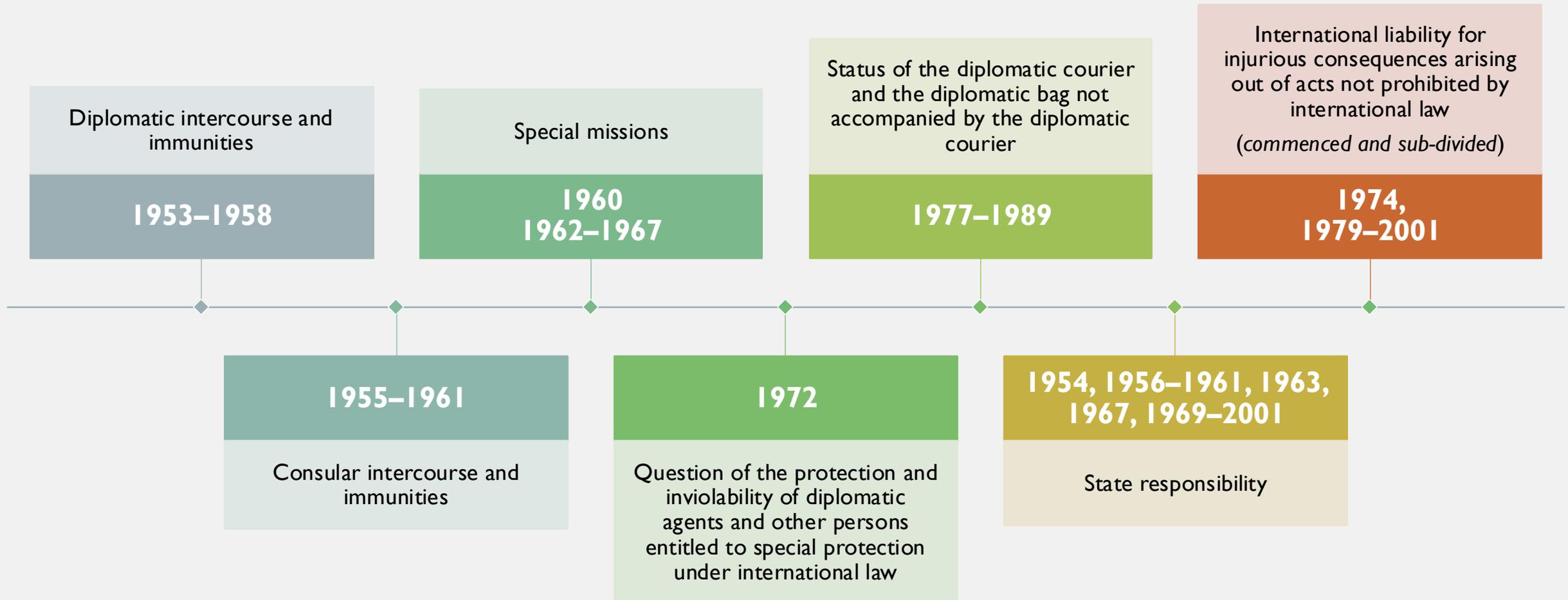
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Shared natural
resources (Law of
Transboundary
Aquifers)

2013–2022

Protection of the
environment in relation
to armed conflicts

LAW OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



International liability for injurious consequences arising out of acts not prohibited by international law (prevention of transboundary damage from hazardous activities)

1974, 1979–2001

Diplomatic protection

1997–2006

Responsibility of international organizations

2002–2011

Due diligence in international law

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1997–2001

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1997–2006

Unilateral acts of States

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Compensation for the damage caused by internationally wrongful acts

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

