

Section Three: Subsidiary Sources and Other Sources of Public International Law This section addresses subsidiary sources (I) and other sources of public international law (II). I. Subsidiary Sources Paragraph (d) of Article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice states: "Judicial decisions and the teachings of the most highly qualified publicists of international law in various nations. This or that is considered a subsidiary source of law, subject to the provisions of Article 59." A. Judicial Decisions International jurisprudence does not create new legal rules; its role is to apply existing legal rules to the disputes presented before it. The body of international court decisions is not considered a primary source of international law; however, it can be used as a reference to understand existing and applied international legal rules or to interpret ambiguities.