Newsletter #1/1996

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PLEASE NOTE: We are delayed with the newsletter. This is just a preliminary one. Some information from Dec 1995 to Feb 1996 will also be included in the next newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The constitution of KUWAIT with a large historic background has been included as ICL-Edition No. 50. You will find it under .../ku_indx.html. Please note that KUWAIT has no female suffrage and does not guarantee the right to found political parties.

Mr. BENITO ALAEZ and Mr. MIGUEL PRESNO have joined the staff as mentors for the Spanish pages. SPAIN's Amendment of the Constitution on 27 Aug 1992 has now been included into the ICL-Edition.

Our US-Mirror has moved from the MIT (Boston) to Cornell Law School (Ithaca, New York); US-users will find ICL to be much faster at:
http://www.law.comell.edu/legal/index.html

ICL now features a EUROPE page for the European Union. We are looking for people who want to work on the Europe page -- please e-mail to: law@uni-hamburg.de

ICLs OTHERS and ORG pages have been greatly extended. They are essentially collections of links. Please give us a message if you know of other sites we could include.

GERMAN Constitutional Court cases are now available with an English translation of the holding at:
http://www.uni-hamburg.de/glaw/index.html

CORRECTIONS: The maps of Bulgaria and Romania were exchanged due to a file naming error which we corrected.

ELECTIONS: AUSTRIA's parliamentary elections on 17 Dec 1995 led to a surprise victory of the Socialist Party (38%).

BELARUS finished parliamentary elections on 10 Dec 1995, finally filling their seats in parliament.

SPAIN will have general elections on 3 March 1996.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Quite a few constitutions are now available in new or updated ICL-Editions. You will find:

MONGOLIA's Constitution (1992) under .../mg_indx.html
MOROCCO's Constitution (1992) is at .../mo_indx.html
PORTUGAL: We have finally finished the ICL-Edition of the consolidated Constitution, including the 1989 amendments. The Constitution is special in having both a duty to work and a duty to vote. See also .../po_indx.html
SOUTH KOREA's Constitution (1987) at .../ks_indx.html
TUNISIA's Constitution (1991) under .../ts_indx.html
ZAMBIA's 1991 Constitution is new at .../za_indx.html

AMENDMENTS: BRAZIL's constitution from the 70s has been rewritten in 1988. Last year, President Fernando Henrique Cardoso asked the Brazilian Congress to rewrite it again, trying to reduce state monopolies. Supposedly, these amendments have been adopted in 1995. However, we do not have information in detail and therefore ask you: Do you know which were the 1995 amendments to the Brazilian Constitution? Please write to law@uni-hamburg.de

ELECTIONS: AUSTRALIA: 2 March 1996, the opposition Liberal Party wins parliamentary elections and John Howard becomes Australia's 25th Prime Minister.
GHANA: Nov 1996.
IRAN: 8 March 1996.
LITHUANIA: Nov 1996.
SPAIN: 3 March 1996: Jose Maria Aznar and his conservative People's Party win 39% of the vote against Felipe Gonzales' Socialists (38%).
ZIMBABWE: March 1996.