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they hail respectively from Herbert Smith, Linklaters and Victoria University of Wellington Law School which provided a helpful research grant. They are keen to point out that in 2008, the first edition of this text was described by the judges of the JF Northey Memorial Book Award as a lucidly written text that will undoubtedly attain international standing. Well, it certainly is, you might say and it certainly has and the changes made to this new edition offer ample evidence of the speed at which investment arbitration has developed over the last decade, during which time, say the authors, a whole new field of scholarship has emerged. What the book aims to do is to provide a dispassionate analysis of the key substantive principles applicable in investment arbitration with a view to assisting disputing parties and their advisors, as well as academics and just possibly, the general public. But this is no mere update, says the series editor. In his preface to this latest edition, he commends the authors for taking account of the substantial developments in this field, both positive and negative, including the emergence of new international treaties. He refers quite frankly to the ongoing debate as to the legitimacy of investment arbitration, referring to the so-called backlash. But whatever opinions or attitudes are entertained by the books potential readership, the authors tackle this sometimes controversial subject with laudable objectivity. There's certainly no doubt that the book excels as a research resource. Note the extensive footnoting and check out the eight-page bibliography listing books, reports and articles. And luckily for practitioners and scholars, the book is logically structured and easily navigable. There's a minutely detailed table of contents, a twenty-seven page index and no less than thirteen appendices, consisting mainly of international treaties and agreements ranging from, for example, the North American Free Trade Agreement Chapter 11 of the ICSID convention and finally, World Bank Guidelines on the Treatment of Foreign Direct Investment. Illuminating a complex subject with thoroughness and clarity, this new edition of International Investment Arbitration will be welcomed by international lawyers and arbitrators specialising in this field. The publication date is cited as at 2017.