

Resources on International Affairs and Treaties

American Treaties and Alliances. Alan Axelrod. CQ Press. 2000. 456 pp.

Provides brief overviews of selected treaties, agreements, conventions, declarations, and acts that are of significance to the United States. The book is arranged topically in the following areas: settlement, union, expansion, and boundaries; wars and military alliances; diplomacy and international organizations; trade, commerce, and transportation; human and political rights; and science and environment. However, the book does not contain treaty or document numbers.

Constitutions of the World, 2nd ed. Robert L. Maddex. CQ Press. 2001. 417 pp.

A survey of the constitutions and constitutional histories of 80 nations, chosen on the basis of their importance and size. Describes the basic provisions of each constitution, its history and unique features, key past constitutions, influences from other nations, government structure, checks and balances, fundamental rights, and the amendment and revision process. Does NOT provide the full text of the constitution.

Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook. 2 vols. Gale Group. Published annually. 2,149 pp.

Contains reprints of the State Department publication, *Background Notes on Countries of the World*, which provides narratives on a country's economy, government, leaders, foreign relations, and trade. Includes information on passport applications, regulations and duties, national holidays, and various statistical data. See also the entries for *Europa World Year Book*, *Statesman's Yearbook*, *World Factbook*, and *Worldmark Yearbook*.

Dictionary of American Foreign Affairs. Stephen A. Flanders and Carl N. Flanders. Macmillan Reference USA. 1993. 833 pp.

A handy one-volume reference on U.S. foreign relations, geared for lay readers. Provides over 1,400 paragraph-long to page-long alphabetical entries on major events and accords. There are several appendices, including a timeline of U.S. foreign affairs, summaries of key foreign policy offices within the executive branch and key congressional committees, summaries of U.S. foreign relations with other key nations and international organizations, and a glossary and maps.

Diplomatic List. Compiled by the Office of Protocol, Department of State. Published quarterly by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. Also [available](#) on the Web.

Contains the names of the members and their spouses of the diplomatic staffs of all missions, along with the address and phone number of the mission.

Encyclopedia of Historical Treaties and Alliances. 2 vols. Alan Axelrod and Charles L. Phillips. Facts on File. 2001. 948 pp.

Provides summaries and excerpts of treaties and their affect on the signatories for more than 400 international agreements. The volumes are arranged by historical era and

there is an introductory chapter on the events and trends during each time period. There are no treaty or document numbers.

Encyclopedia of U.S. Foreign Relations. 4 vols. Prepared under the auspices of the Council on Foreign Relations. Oxford University Press. 1997. 1,936 pp.

More than 1,000 articles on the countries, people, and events that have shaped U.S. foreign relations. Provides in-depth treatment on major topics, such as the American Revolution, World Wars I and II, the Cold War, and the U.S. Constitution. Contains a chronology of U.S. foreign relations and a bibliography.

The Europa World Year Book. 2 vols. Europa Publications Ltd. Published annually. 4,009 pp.

Detailed profiles that include an introductory survey on the recent history, government, economic affairs, defense, social welfare, and education of each country. There is also a statistical survey containing economic and demographic data, as well as a directory of names and addresses of members of the government, legislature, political organizations, diplomatic corps, religious bodies, the media, and finance, trade, industry, transport, and tourism organizations. The year book also profiles over 1,650 organizations; information listed includes full communication details, activities, statistics, principal officials, and publications. See also the entries for ***Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook, Statesman's Yearbook, World Factbook, and Worldmark Yearbook.***

International Information Directory. CQ Press. Published annually. 750 pp.

Provides contacts, addresses, phone numbers, and Internet/e-mail addresses for U.S. government, intergovernmental, and nonprofit agencies. The book is divided into subject chapters that cover a variety of topics, such as agriculture and nutrition, energy, culture and recreation, and security and arms control. There is an annotation explaining the background and work of each office listed. There is also a listing of resources by country, which generally includes address and phone numbers for missions, embassies, consulates, trade offices, tourism/information offices, cultural and political organizations, and U.S. government contacts.

The Military Balance. Prepared by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Published by Oxford University Press annually in October. 320 pp.

Provides data on the military strength, organization, equipment, and defense expenditures of the world's armed forces in 170 countries. It also contains short analytical articles on topical military and strategic issues.

Multilateral Treaty Calendar, 1648-1995. Christian L. Wiktor. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers. 1998. 1,616 pp.

A chronological listing of multilateral treaties concluded by more than two parties that provides information on the location of the printed text of the document. It also provides a very brief description; where, when, and by whom the treaty was signed; and the date entered into force. There is an extensive index.

The Statesman's Yearbook: The Politics, Cultures, and Economies of the World.

Edited by Barry Turner. St. Martin's Press. Published annually. 1,985 pp.

Brief profiles of every country in the world that highlights key historical events and describes the form of government and social organizations. Also provides a wealth of statistical data on areas such as defense, economy, energy, trade, and communications. See also the entries for *Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook*, *Europa World Year Book*, *World Factbook*, and *Worldmark Yearbook*.

Treaties in Force: A List of Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States in Force on January 1, 2000. Compiled by the Treaty Affairs Staff, Department of State. Published by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, annually in December. 509 pp. Also [available](#) on the Web.

Lists treaties and other international agreements of the United States. Listed both by country and by subject.

United States Treaty Index. 13 vols. and supplements. Igor I. Kavass. William S. Hein and Co.

Presents information about treaties and agreements in many different ways: chronologically, by country, by the names of international organizations, by subject, numerically, and by a geographical-subject combination. Covers all treaties entered into by the United States since 1776 and includes official treaty series number (e.g., TIAS).

The Wilson Calendar of World History. John Paxton and Edward W. Knappman. H.W. Wilson Company. 1999. 460 pp.

A one-volume chronology of world history that briefly describes more than 25,000 distinct events. The book is arranged topically and geographically. There is an extensive index.

The World Factbook. Prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency. Published annually by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. 653 pp. Also [available](#) on the Web.

Provides brief information in statistical and narrative form on the geography, people, government, economy, communications, and defense of countries and regions around the world. Also contains information on international organizations and includes maps. See also the entries for *Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook*, *Europa World Year Book*, *Statesman's Yearbook*, and *Worldmark Yearbook*.

Worldmark Yearbook. 3 vols. Gale Group. Published annually. 3,694 pp.

Contains surveys examining the recent history, government, defense, economic affairs, social welfare, and education of a country. There is a timeline and analysis of the past year's key events, as well as a directory of national leadership, political organizations, diplomatic representation, and the judiciary. There is also a statistical data section. See also the entries for *Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook*, *Europa World Year Book*, *Statesman's Yearbook*, and *World Factbook*.