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In this textbook, Van Wooren and Wessel delve into the laws surrounding how the European Union and its Member States are able to conduct themselves on the international stage. Through an extensive examination of texts and usages of case studies, dating from the 1957 Treaty of Rome onward, Van Wooren and Wessel condense the complexity of the laws surrounding EU external relations into a manageable and easy to follow textbook. The textbook is divided into fifteen chapters, each of which delve into topics that are at the heart of the legal principles that guide EU external relation laws. These principles include: EU and its Member States' competence, loyal cooperation and the effects of international law on EU law. This textbook heavily focuses on the interaction between the EU and its Member States with regard to how external relations are conducted. Van Vooren and Wessel employ a number of court cases to create a legal framework for examining how the EU and its Member States conduct their respective external relations. Thus, the textbook examines EU commercial policy, development policy, Common Foreign and Security Policy, as well as the Common Security and Defense Policy.

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