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Pollution of the world's oceans is more serious than might commonly be expected. Statistics on various types of oil pollution, for example, read in terms of millions of tons per annum. This article concentrates on the scope of the marine pollution problem, focusing on three categories of pollutants: (1) hydrocarbons (especially oil and liquified natural gas), (2) organocides and organic poisons, and (3) plastics. These pollutants are analyzed in terms of their origin and effect on the marine environment. The discussion covers the provisions of international law which determine such factors as State responsibility for control of particular pollution sources. Proposals are made for improving the international legal regime regarding pollution where change is deemed necessary. Special attention is given to the Convention on the Law of the Sea, which was negotiated at the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea. The author contends that the Convention is an important beginning in the effort to avoid the potentially devastating effects of marine pollution.

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With the United States, the Soviet Union, and several other nations possessing space assets of great value, the development of antisatellite weapons (ASATs) is of major concern in the world today. This article explores the legality under current international law of presently operational ASATs, as well as the variety of space weapons under development and scheduled for deployment in the immediate future. The relevant treaties, agreements, UN and Congressional resolutions applicable to ASATs are reviewed and analyzed. The views of major scholars in the field will also be discussed, with an emphasis on formulating further positive law to limit the proliferation of these weapons.

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