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**Blockades, Sieges, and Non-combatant Freedom of Movement:
Law in (Fleet) Practice**

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PIM: Agenda



- Strategic Context
- Peacetime Framework
- Wartime Framework
- Law In (Fleet) Practice



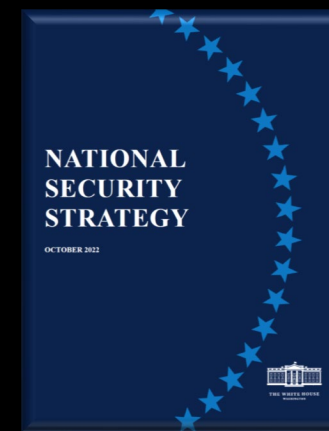
USS George H.W. Bush arrives in Naples, Italy, Nov. 28, 2022, for scheduled port visit.
Source: Department of Defense; Photo By: Navy Seaman Felix Castillo Reyes



Strategic Context



- National Security Strategy (2022)

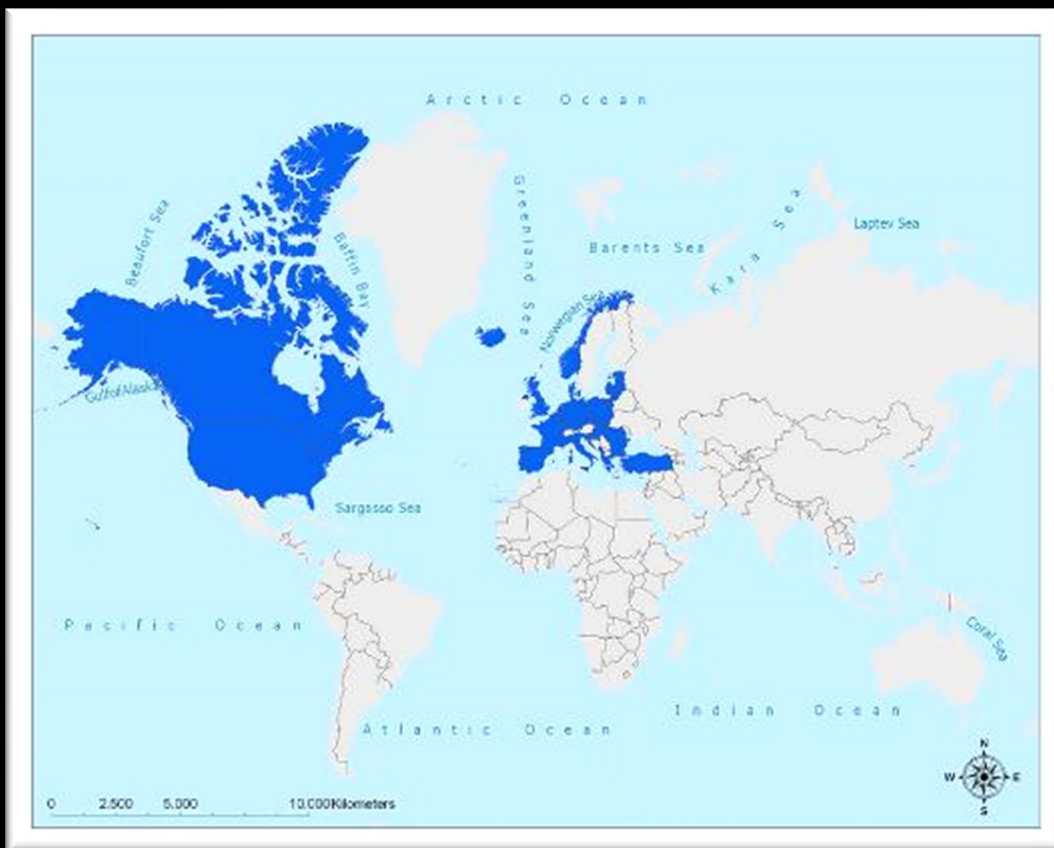


- NATO 2022 Strategic Concept & Deter and Defend



Source: www.nato.int

Strategic Context



Source: www.mappr.co



Source: www.nationsonline.org



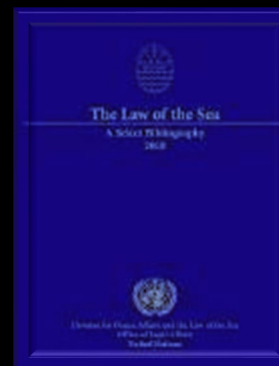
Peacetime: Rules-Based Order



- UN Charter
- North Atlantic Treaty
- Law of the Sea
- COLREGS-1972
- Incidents at Sea Agreement



Source: National Archives



Annual INCSEA consultations 2021
Source: www.navy.mil

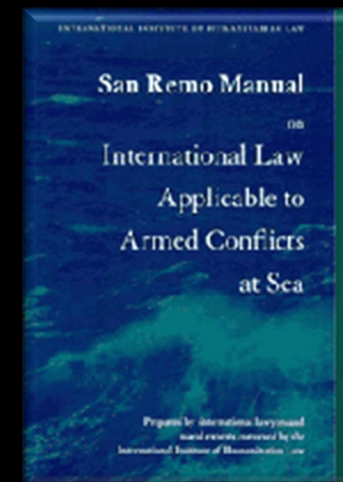
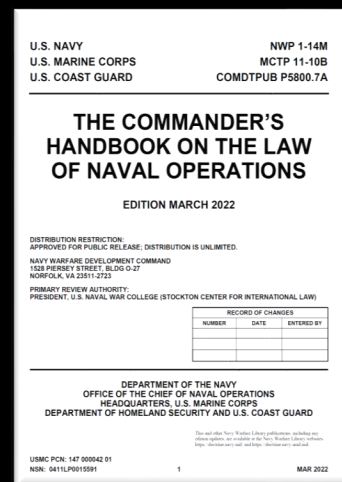


Wartime: Impacts on Movement



- Law of Naval Warfare = Lex Specialis

- Blockade
- Immediate Area of Naval Operations
- Right of Visit and Search
- Exclusion Zones and War Zones
- Mines



- Black Sea Grain Initiative

- Parties
- Basis
- Purpose
- Procedures



Secretary-General António Guterres and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the signing ceremony of Black Sea Grain Initiative in Istanbul, Türkiye.
Source: www.un.org Photo: UNIC Ankara/Levent Kulu



Conclusion: Law in (Fleet) Practice



- Peacetime Framework:
 - Same but different in practice?
- Wartime Framework:
 - Different but relevant in practice?
- Other Factors



From top left clockwise USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), FS Charles de Gaulle (R91), HMS Queen Elizabeth (R08), ITS Cavour (CVH 550), USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77)

Source: USNI News