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| Abstract: | This chapter addresses the subject of the legal limitations which international law places on the imposition of international economic/financial sanctions, with particular reference to sanctions with counter-proliferation aims. It argues that there are at least three sources of international legal obligations which impose limits on the application of coercive international economic/financial sanctions: (1) the general international principle of noncoercion; (2) the law of countermeasures; and (3) human rights law. The totality of these obligations limiting the lawfulness of both unilateral and multilateral coercive sanctions purposed in counter-proliferation leaves a vanishingly small window for the lawful application of such sanctions. |
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