

## ABSTRACT

Research into international relations in the Caribbean and Latin America, must take into account the incidence and implications of border disputes in the hemisphere. In dealing with the Venezuela/Guyana dispute, the writer has recognized that many works already exist which deal with the historical and legal aspects of the problem. However, on the more recent period, that is, from 1962 when the case was reopened by Venezuela, before the United Nations, to the present, no comprehensive work is yet available.

The writer has therefore attempted to analyse the progress of the dispute during this period, using the framework of conflict resolution for its theoretical construction. Thus the writer has discussed the dispute with the following terms of reference:

1. The meaning of conflict and conflict resolution in today's world, with particular reference to Latin America and the Caribbean,
2. The determinants of the present Venezuela/Guyana conflict, including the historical/legal setting,
3. The recent (1962-1970) period of the controversy within the framework of resolution of the conflict,
4. The possibilities and probabilities of conflict resolution in the future phases of the dispute.