This tutorial will introduce you to the EISIL electronic resource. We will discuss how to access EISIL and how conduct basic searches using this resource. You will see a demonstration of how to do a basic search.

To access EISIL from the Law Library's homepage, click the link in the E-Resources box. This link takes you to the EISIL homepage. EISIL stands for Electronic Information System for International Law.

EISIL is a database of quality international law resources on the web. You can browse through subject categories, or search and then save, download or email.
The EISIL homepage offers categories of International law which you can browse through or search within. You can browse the resources in each category by simply clicking the category and clicking the available resource groups and resources that are within that category.

To do a quick search, use the box in the upper left corner of the screen. Through the quick search you can conduct keyword or phrase searches. If searching a phrase make sure it is in quotation marks.

The quick search offers several search options, you can search within links and categories, entire directory, links in the current category, or category.

Links and categories searches all of the categories and the records within all of the categories; entire directory searches all the records in the database excluding category names; links in the current category searches the records within the category the you have selected by browsing the topics; and finally category limits the search to the category headings.

For example, type “human rights” into the quick search box,
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select the search option “links and categories”

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and click search. The links and categories search will provide the broadest search of EISIL.

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because it searches all of the resources and all of the category headings.

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The search results are organized by resource type, first are category titles, if they were searched, then primary documents, web sites, research resources follow.

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Except for category titles, which link to the category and can then be browsed, the title of the resource links directly to the resources on the web,
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It is followed by a link to "More Information" which provides valuable added information about the resource, such as a description, a citation (if available and appropriate), and more.

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The search result display can be modified to show only certain types of resources.

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In the light grey bar above the search results there is a drop down menu labeled show, which the default of "all types". From this drop down menu you can select what type of resources you want to display from all resources, primary documents, web sites and research resources.

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You can also change the number of search results displayed on the page by changing the number in the second drop down menu, the default of which is 10 results.

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Finally, to include brief descriptions of resources in your search results,

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check off the "Show Description" box.