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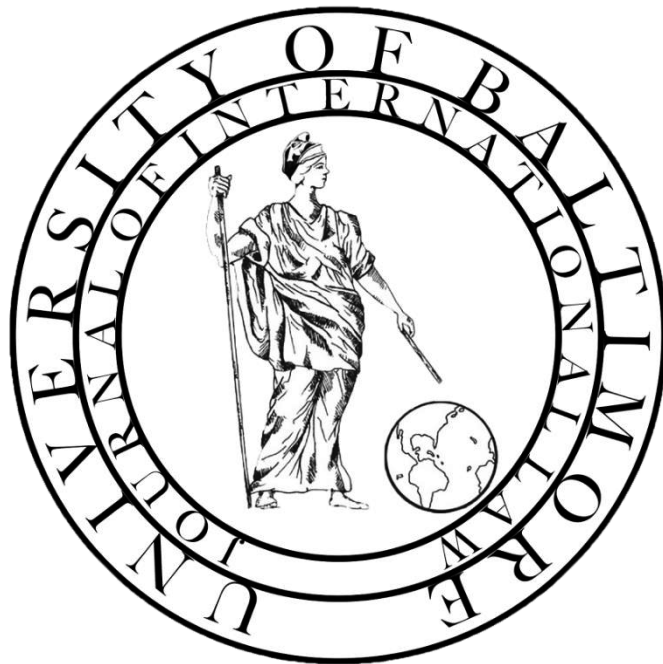
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Dear Reader:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the first issue of Volume Three of the *University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*. This Volume's publications bring many substantial and exciting changes to the Journal. First and foremost, for the first time in the Journal's history, there will be two issues in Volume Three. Publishing twice per Volume will allow the Journal to further its dedication to providing significant and meaningful contributions to the discourse regarding international law. Second, this issue will include the first publication of *Emerging Issues*. These are short pieces authored by the Journal's staff editors. The goal is to provide a brief synopsis of a developing international law topic, and analyze the pertinent issues that are related. The *Emerging Issues* will serve as a valuable contribution and starting-point for the research and discussion of current international law.

The pieces in this issue reflect the true nature of the *University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*; because international law is such a vast and encompassing field, our selections in this issue allow us to cover many different topics. Our first article is from Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Addicott (U.S. Army, JAGC, ret.), Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law. Lt. Colonel Addicott's article discusses President Barack Obama's nuclear nonproliferation regime, and how it fits in the global security scheme. Our next article is authored by Dr. Stefan Kirchner, Associate Professor for Fundamental and Human Rights at the University of Lapland. Dr. Kirchner's article assesses the recent conflict between Ukraine and Russia and ways in which the European Court of Human Rights can provide legal recourse. Our final article is by Dr. Mario Silva, PhD in International Law, guest lecturer, and former Canadian Member of Parliament. Dr. Silva's article addresses issues of state building as they apply to South Sudan.

Our student comment by Nicole Rush, University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidate, is a comparative law piece. Ms. Rush's comment analyses United States same-sex marriage laws as compared to international same-sex marriage laws. Our first *Emerging Issue* is from Christopher Stock, University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidate, discussing economic impacts of the current conflict over

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the South China Sea. Kimberly Frazier, University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidate, addressed the recent abduction of hundreds of Nigerian school girls by the extremist group, Boko Haram in our final *Emerging Issue* publication in this issue.

This publication truly reflects the dedication and passion of the Journal's members. I cannot begin to express my gratitude and appreciation for the staff editors for their constant pursuit of perfection. I also express my deep thanks to the executive board for ensuring this publication's success. I would also like to thank Professor Mortimer Sellers, the Journal's faculty adviser, the other international law professors, and the professors and advisers in the University of Baltimore Center for International and Comparative Law for their tireless direction and advice. My sincerest appreciation is extended to Dean Ronald Weich for creating an environment that is conducive to this Journal's success, and for his support of the Journal members' academic and professional success. Finally, thank you, the Reader, for supporting our publication, and I hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Justin Tepe
Editor-in-Chief
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