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Dear readers:

The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Journal of International Law* have worked diligently to ensure Volume V provides our readers with pieces that are both informative and insightful. This is the second of two publications by the staff for this year. This issue features articles by leading scholars as well as a student comment.

This issue begins with an article by Alberto Barbosa, *About Law, Economics and Argumentation: The Forgotten Case of Labor Concerns in Brazilian Competition Policy and Why it still Matters*. In this article, Mr. Barbosa examines how Administrative Councils for Economic Defense justification for practice regarding the interplay between merger control and labor market regulation is grounded on an economic theory that may become an informal fallacy. Following this article is *The Concept of Democracy and the European Convention on Human Rights*, by author Joseph Zand, which examines European Conventions notion of democracy. Last is a piece written by K.C. O'Rourke. In her Commentary, *The Continuum of State Sovereignty*, Ms. Rourke comments on how Africa needs to change its political structure to guide individual liberty and participatory democracy.

Our student comment in this issue is from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate, Madison H. Kyger. Ms. Kyger's comment, *Inmates, Incarcerated and in Love: Predicting How the United States Would Respond to Marriages Between Inmates by Evaluating Case Law and the United Kingdom's Decision*, discusses why the United States should allow same sex inmates that are incarcerated together to marry one another.

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It is with great pleasure we present the second issue of Volume V of *The University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Pope

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