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Dear readers:

The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Journal of International Law* has worked diligently to ensure Volume VI of our journal provides our readers with pieces that are both informative and insightful. This issue features articles by leading scholars as well as two student comments and two emerging issues.

This issue begins with an article by Jenifer Bowman titled *Impacts of the Circumspection of Women's Rights Abroad on International Adoption*. In this article, Ms. Bowman argues that foreign policy initiatives focusing on women's reproductive freedom would alleviate the problems with international adoption and contribute to reducing adoption rates. Following this article is a piece written by Anlei Zuo titled *China's Approaches to the Western-Dominated International Law: A Historical Perspective from the Opium War to the South China Sea Arbitration Case*. Mr. Zuo's article discusses China's participation and interaction with Western-dominated international law and concludes that the goal of this participation has always been national rejuvenation. The next article is by Evan G. Hebert titled *Citizenship, Welfare, and National Sovereignty in Modern Europe*. This article examines the European Court of Justice's jurisprudence and argues that aggressive enforcement of supranational citizenship rights is necessary to prevent discrimination against European citizens. The final scholar written article is written by Joseph Creel titled *War by Committee: An Examination of Legislative War Powers*. Mr. Creel assesses the powers and limitations of the legislative branch of the United States in terms of war by comparing founding documents with current legislation.

Our first student comment in this issue is written by Jasmine Pope, J.D. who attended the University of Baltimore School of Law. Ms. Pope's comment, *The Stateless: Millions of People Forgotten and Left Without Adequate Immigration Assistance, Where Does the United States Fit into the Plight of the Stateless?*, details the intricacies of the law and the hardships people who are not registered to a State face daily. Our second student comment is from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate, Esther-Jane Grenness, *Let's Have a Soufflé Instead: Selective Reform of the Investor-State Dispute Settlement Regime*. Mrs. Grenness' comment analyzes the pieces of the investment treaty law regime which need to be altered due to egregious abuses.

Our first emerging issue is written by Sophia Franzak, a University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate. Ms. Franzak's article, *Aretha Franklin was Right: Respect, We Need it*, establishes the correlation between police reported sexual assault crimes and gender equality in differing States. The second emerging issue, written by Logan Hayes who is also a University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate, is titled *In the Face of Brexit, the United Kingdom Has No Choice but to Provide Data Protection for Individuals, Organizations and Law Enforcement Agencies by Updating Their Legal Framework, which is Based Upon a 20-Year-Old Act*. Ms. Hayes' article confers the necessity for data protection and in what way the Data protection bill will fulfil this crucial need.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Editorial Board and Staff of the Journal for their significant contributions to this issue. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Mortimer Sellers, faculty adviser to the Journal, for his direction, mentorship, and assistance throughout the school year. In addition, I must thank the professors and staff of the University of Baltimore School of Law International Law Department and the Center for International and Comparative Law for their guidance and insight. Finally, thank you, the reader, for your support and we hope you enjoy this issue.

It is with great pleasure we present Volume VI of *The University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*.

Sincerely,

Sophia Franzak
Editor-in-Chief

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