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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 Issue II of our journal provides our readers with pieces that are both educational and perceptive. This issue features articles by leading scholars as well as one student comment and two emerging issues.

This issue begins with an article by Alina Veneziano titled Extra-territoriality and the Regulatory Power of the United States: Featured Issues of Sovereignty, Legitimacy, Accountability, and Democracy. In this article, Ms. Veneziano uses the criminal extraterritorial enforcement mechanisms of the U.S. Exchange Act of 1934 to show the problems that arise when extraterritoriality becomes a natural consequence of globalization and technological advancements. Following this article is a piece written by Abdulkadir GÜLÇÜR titled The Necessity, Public Interest, and Proportionality in International Investment Law: A Comparative Analysis. Mr. GÜLÇÜR’s article discusses the three different concepts of international investment law in light of the relevant investment tribunals’ decisions and judgements of other international judicial bodies.

Our student comment in this issue is written by University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate, Logan Hayes, The Demand for Unilateral Secession in Catalonia: While the Cause is Compelling, Secession Would Not Be Legal Under International Law. Ms. Hayes’ comment analyzes the legality of Catalonia’s decision to unilaterally secede from Spain.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Editorial Board and Staff of the Journal for their significant contributions to this final issue, the persistence and dedication each of you has shown through this entire process will leave a lasting impact on other journals to come. 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. Finally, thank you, the reader, for your support and we hope you enjoy this issue.
It is with great pleasure we present Volume VI Issue II of *The University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*.

Sincerely,

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