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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 first of two publications by the staff for this year. This issue features articles by leading scholars as well as a Student Comment and three Emerging Issues by members of our Journal.

This issue begins with an article by Isabel Mota Borges, *The Responsibility of Transnational Corporations in the Realization of Children's Rights*. In this article, Ms. Borges examines the impact and responsibility of transnational corporations to ensure protection and fulfillment of children's rights. Following this article is piece written by Michael Livingston. In his comparative study, *Reparation, Restoration, Incarceration: Comparative Perspectives on the African-American Reparations Problem*, Mr. Livingston highlights two different viewpoints concerning the reparations issue. In our last article, *Semantic Reversal: Individual, Person, Individualism, Individu- alization, and Subject of Fundamental Rights*, author Brunela Vieira De Vincenzi discusses alternate means of dispute resolution on a global scale.

Our Student Comment in this issue is from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. candidate, Aviana Cooper. Ms. Cooper's comment, *Syrian Refugees- Economic Benefit or Substantial Burden on States of the European Union*, discusses the current status of the Syrian refugee crisis related to the European Union. Our Emerging Issues are from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidates Madison Kyger, Zahra Lanewala and Margie Beltran. Ms. Kyger's piece focuses on global equality of transgender citizens while Ms. Lanewala's editorial reviews reintegration of unaccompanied minors. Finally, Ms. Beltran gives an overview of recent Polish media legislation.

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 Nienke Grossman, faculty adviser to the Journal, for her direction, mentorship, and assistance throughout the school year. In addition, I must thank the

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine B. Stitely', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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