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Dear Readers:

Welcome to the second issue of the ILSP Law Journal! The Journal was founded by a group of enthusiastic LL.M. students who sought to provide a venue for LL.M. students and alumni to publish articles of interest in various areas of the international law. The International Legal Studies Program at American University Washington College of Law is one of the most prominent LL.M. programs in the United States, which is currently hosting over 160 students from fifty-eight countries. The Journal is intended to reflect the diverse interests of the LL.M. student body by addressing topical issues that are of importance to the global community.

This issue builds on the work of the first, while continuing to expand the Journal's scope and reach. The ILSP sincerely appreciates dedication and efforts of the members of the editorial board, some of whom are alumni of the LL.M. program, for making the second issue possible. I also would like to express my gratitude to the ILSP staff for their continuing assistance to the Journal.

The Journal's ultimate mission is to provide a venue for debate and discussion as well as a forum for publication. We invite you to turn the page and join in the exchange.

Best Wishes,

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