

INTERNATIONAL LAW: A PHILIPPINE PERSPECTIVE

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Authored by Presidential Spokesperson Harry S. Roque, Department of Agrarian Reform Secretary John R. Castriciones, and Atty. David Robert C. Aquino, this work entitled *International Law: A Philippine Perspective* aims to aid in the study of international law, containing discussions and illustrations on concepts, principles, doctrines, and cases to allow the reader to have a clear understanding of the field. Topics are explained briefly by citing both international and domestic jurisprudence and laws, followed by a compilation of short digests of cases related to each subject. It is worthy to note that aside from summarizing the facts and decisions of the Court, the authors also discuss important doctrines, and, in some sections, compare rulings and examine the evolution of the Court's decisions. Subject matters discussed in the book include international law principles such as *pacta sunt servanda*, *erga omnes* and *jus cogens*, international organizations like the United Nations and ASEAN, and other pressing matters on law of the sea, women and children's rights and armed conflict.

According to its authors, this book does not intend to provide an exhaustive exposition of the subject, but it is their "humble attempt to introduce the reader to the dynamic, intertwined and ever-changing subject we call – international law." This work is their "over-all attempt to stay true, though guided by international definitions and conventions, to our very own perspective in appreciating generally accepted principles of International law."