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FOREWARD

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the first installment of Volume 32. Until recently, the *Washington International Law Journal* was the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* and was limited to the Pacific Rim and related law and policy. The Journal's scope expanded in Volume 24 to include all international, foreign, and comparative law topics. This issue seeks to further implement this expansion with articles and comments addressing a wide range of international and foreign law topics.

In Volume 32, Issue 1, readers will explore a range of topics from the challenges of the visually impaired and deaf students face in universities in Kenya, to Afghanistan's compliance with the UN Suppression Conventions. This issue begins with Edwin O. Abuya & Jane W. Githinji's exploration of how visually impaired and deaf students in Kenya are excluded from or struggle to gain access to the tools they need to succeed at university, and proposed legal solutions to this problem. Following, Abdul Mahir Hazim delves into Afghanistan's mutual legal assistance regime to offer insights into how well the country is complying with the UN's Suppression Conventions, and what loopholes exist within the system that need to be addressed.

In addition to these articles, this issue concludes with a student comment from the University of Washington School of Law. I have the honor of publishing my comment on the history of India's free trade policies, and the impact that protectionist strategies, such as strict rule of origins laws, can have on free trade agreements.

The *Washington International Law Journal* relies on the support of scholars, donors, and the University of Washington to publish legal scholarship at the forefront of international law. On behalf of the Volume 32 Executive Board, I would like to thank the University of Washington School of Law's Dean Scott Schumacher and Associate Dean Mary Hotchkiss for their continued support of the Journal. I would also like to thank Professor Dongsheng Zang for his guidance over the course of this year, especially for providing invaluable insight into improving our editing processes and connection with the law school.

We are proud to present our readers with this compilation of foreign and international law scholarship. With that, we present the first issue of Volume 32.

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