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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers:

I am excited to share with you our first issue of Volume 10. This issue marks our tenth year in publication and is a testament to our *Journal's* consistent contribution to the advancement of international and comparative law. The theme that underlies Issue 1 is “Cybersecurity as a National Security Interest,” the topic of our 2019 Symposium. While these works all vary in their proposed solutions, each addresses the role international law can and should play in cyberspace.

We begin Issue 1 with an Article that discusses the legality of intentional cyber misconduct used for national security purposes. In particular, Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell’s Article focuses on a principle found not only in international law, but in all law: legality. This Article points out that many ideologies challenge respect for the rule of law today. In turn, Professor O’Connell dispels the notion that cyberspace is a law-free zone. Next, Professor Jeff Kosseff argues that collective countermeasures are the correct normative approach to threats in cyberspace. This Article notes that, because the cyber threats that states face are often transnational, the ability to preempt and mitigate such harm should be as well. The next piece, written by Professor Ido Kilovaty, evaluates the manner in which international law protects non-state victims. As a solution to this problem, the Article explores the extraterritoriality of human rights and whether the application of international human rights law is sufficient in the context of cybersecurity. The fourth Article, written by Professors Clive Walker and Ummi Hani Binti Masood, discusses the possibility of conceptually conceiving a significant domestic legal response to a cyberattack. Further, they analyze whether a domestic legal response can be comprehensively devised in response to international cyberattacks. Finally, our Issue is rounded off with two Notes written by Notre Dame Law School students and members of the *Journal*. In the first Note, Sarah DeAgostino explores the pertinent topics of net neutrality and platform neutrality. In doing so, she compares the regulatory approaches taken by the European Union, France, and the United States. Ultimately, DeAgostino evaluates each approach based on their economic and social impacts. She then concludes with a recommendation for the United States’ future regulation of the Internet. In the second Note, John Morris investigates the issue of rural electrification in sub-Saharan Africa. Though he recognizes there is much work to be done in the future, Morris argues that the impediments surrounding electrification in this region can be mitigated by using the tools of investment, support, and regulation.

On behalf of the *Journal*, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our loyal readers who allow us to continuously push the *Journal* forward. As we enter our tenth year of legal scholarship, we can confidently say that we are here to stay. I would also like to thank our faculty advisors, Professors Mary Ellen O’Connell and Sadie Blanchard, as well as the *Journal's* Executive Board and Editorial Staff, for their dedication to the *Journal*.

Yours in Notre Dame,



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