THE OBLIGATORY SETTELMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES BY INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS AS A BASIC PREREQUISITE FOR PEACE

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INTRODUCTION

The object of this study is the analysis of the views of the major political or social thinkers and statesmen of the necessity of the settlement of international disputes between States by international arbitral or judicial tribunal as a prerequisite for peace. The problem of peace is the extremely topical and urgent matter that now confronts mankind. Reason demands peace, which is and normally should be, a natural state for mankind. Peace is then the basic preoccupation of every rational and sensitive person, because there is not a theme so deeply affecting the spiritual and temporal happiness of mankind as the question of a genuine and just peace. A genuine, just and lasting peace is the highest good of men, peoples, nations and States.

A genuine, just and lasting peace is a realistic and attainable objective if the individuals, peoples, nations, and States show the proper understanding for its existence in their relations, and their willingness and determination to establish, maintain and preserve it by appropriate means. Peace may be defined as an existence of internal tranquillity within a State based upon the recognition, guarantee and strict observation of basic human rights of all individuals living in the State, and normal relations with other States based upon the mutual recognition and observation of the rights and legal interests of