

Chapter 1 : Marshall Islands

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District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. This Essay continues commentary begun in *Hurting More than Helping: Abstract* When it comes to accountability for treaty obligations, the International Court of Justice has not proved as impactful as its founders hoped. This Essay contends that treaty parties may have hope in federal court for declaratory relief regarding American treaty obligations. The inspiration comes from *Marshall Islands v. United States*, currently before the Ninth Circuit. When a treaty party sufficiently pleads injury-in-fact in a proper venue, the Essay posits that redress, political question, and non-self-executing treaty status may not bar a declaratory judgment. Introduction While it is novel for a foreign sovereign to consent to the jurisdiction of U. Indeed, in the first fifty years of U. United States, 79 F. The United States U. Davis, I, Too, Sing America: By contrast, matters of private international law seem to be ushered into federal courts with more grace. Republic of Argentina, S. When it comes to accountability in treaty obligations, whether for the United States or other major powers, the International Court of Justice ICJ has not proven as impactful as its founders hoped. Hathaway, *Between Power and Principle*: There is also a growing awareness of the broader interplay between federal courts and the international community. Bradley, *International Law in the U. Legal System*, at xi 2d ed. The inspiration for this Essay is taken from a case currently before the Ninth Circuit, *Marshall Islands v. Enforcing Treaties in U. Courts*, 37 Yale J. This Essay deconstructs *Marshall Islands*, pronounces its impending demise, and reimagines how the legal strategy could succeed if limited to declaratory relief. Where a treaty party can sufficiently plead injury in fact, this Essay posits that redress, political question, and non-self-executing treaty status may not bar a declaratory judgment. Article VI requires the pursuit of good faith negotiations toward proliferation cessation and further negotiations toward disarmament. VI, July 1, , 21 U. District Court for the Northern District of California. Department of Justice Civil Division, Federal Programs Section and Appellate Section filed on behalf of the collective government defendants before the district and appellate courts, respectively. See generally *Republic of the Marshall Islands v. The case was dismissed and appealed. See Davis, Hurting More than Helping*, supra note 3, at Only three nuclear weapons states submit to the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ. Of those three, only one is party to the NPT. The legal grounds against the other two countries are based on an attenuated argument of customary international law that is unlikely to gain traction. Such judgments could mark a meaningful step toward American accountability by defining U. Nations seeking to press for American treaty compliance can extract a roadmap of valuable lessons from *Marshall Islands v. This Essay proceeds in four parts. Part III* posits that when only declaratory relief is sought, those three sticking points are not clear bars to other sovereigns seeking to have a U. Concluding remarks reiterate the need for good faith efforts to quell American exceptionalism in public international law. This Essay will not address the value of nuclear weapons arsenals themselves, though acknowledging the great weight of that matter—particularly as the United States updates its nuclear arsenal. Likewise, venue will not be addressed: District Court for the District of Columbia. While the *Marshall Islands* are unlikely to see victory in the case at bar, the litigation stands to crack open a long-buried method of American treaty accountability. The treaty came into force in The NPT reflected a worldwide agreement to cease building new nuclear weaponry and begin exploring avenues toward creating a new treaty for strict disarmament. Most have chosen not to join as non-weapons states. Abe, supra note 22, at Notably, India pushed firmly against the delineation between nuclear weapons haves and have nots, now holding a peculiar space as an American-embraced nuclear state not recognized by the NPT. See Kate Sullivan, S. *Is India a Responsible Nuclear Power?* As the NPT drafters knew, one does not simply end an arms race. Post July 3, , http: By contrast, the U. The blending process is estimated to take more than two decades. Given the sheer overwhelming cost of nuclear disarmament, the demands of Article VI are rightfully tempered. Even so, most nuclear weapons states may well argue that they are in compliance with the spirit and letter of Article VI. Since , in accordance with the NPT provisions, NPT Review Conferences are held every

five years to assess compliance and look toward potential future action. Three Preparatory Committee meetings are held between conferences. Atomic Scientists May 6, , Curiously, no national report appears to have been submitted by the Marshall Islands. The Review Conference was contentious; leaders left without agreeing to so much as a final culminating document. Despite intensive consultations, the Conference was not able to reach agreement on the substantive part of the draft Final Document. Whether correlated to the Review Conferences, or actualized in a spirit of compliance with the NPT, the total quantity of nuclear weapons possessed by the nine nuclear weapons states is ninety percent lower today than it was during the Cold War. When it comes to encouraging further American implementation of the NPT, the value of the proceedings in American courts is enhanced by the low likelihood of any productivity before the ICJ. Because the United States does not submit to the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ, the filing against America is essentially dead on arrival. Historically, seeking to hold the United States accountable before the ICJ for its failure to implement international law has been a game of whack-a-mole. Secretary of State, to Kofi Annan, U. Many consider this posture itself as an American failure to implement international law. Whatever company is worth, the United States has some. France, a decade prior to the withdrawal of the United States. See Nuclear Tests N. China withdrew as well, and Russia never submitted to begin with. A Commentary Andreas Zimmerman et al. Neither North Korea nor Israel currently submits. The United Kingdom is currently the only permanent member of the U. How Compulsory Is It? Losing this sliver of legitimacy would not benefit the court. Ironically, of all the nuclear weapons states, the only nation the Marshall Islands would have the chance to hold accountable in some fashion is the United States—perhaps the nation most notorious for avoiding implementation of international law. And, at least in this matter, the only place in which the United States may have been held accountable is in federal court. That the Marshall Islands saw an open window only in America tells a peripheral story about the special availability of American courts for such matters—historically anyhow. The injunctive relief was a pipe dream: What is more, the Marshall Islands is pursuing enforcement of a particularly vague provision within an already vague treaty. This Part demonstrates that the Marshall Islands is unlikely to win before the Ninth Circuit, but may leave a door ajar for future treaty parties to seek declaratory relief in federal court. So long as the U. At the least, the declaratory relief method may have potential for future cases. Proceedings Throw Out Injunctive Relief, Highlight Roadblocks to Declaratory Relief Ultimately, the district court litigation shot down the prospect of injunctive relief and drew out two stumbling blocks to potential declaratory relief—standing and political question. Potential declaratory relief may exist for other treaty parties in the future if standing and political questions inherent in the Marshall Islands litigation are fact-specific to this case. The motion highlighted matters that state parties to other treaties will need to address in future complaints seeking articulation of American treaty obligations. The United States argued that the Marshall Islands presented no concrete inquiry, violated the political question doctrine, argued based on a non-self-executing treaty, filed in an improper venue, and the statute of limitations barred the suit. July 21, No. Where the United States argued that the entire matter was barred by the political question doctrine under Earth Island Inst. The Ninth Circuit held that one pertinent statute was within the exclusive jurisdiction of the U. Earth Island preceded *Zivotofsky v. Clinton*, which held that federal court enforcement of a statute requiring specific action by the Secretary of State was justiciable because it did not raise a political question. In *Japan Whaling*, the U. The Marshall Islands asserted that the United States did not meet its burden to prove that the suit was untimely. The United States again made five arguments. The first three arguments carry broad applicability and will be discussed at length in Part III. Second, standing aside, it argued that the political question doctrine still barred judicial review.

Chapter 2 : Foreign relations of the Marshall Islands - Wikipedia

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has established bilateral diplomatic relations with over 75 other nations. Regional cooperation, through membership in various regional and international organizations, is a key element in its foreign policy.

The Council is comprised of 12 tribal chiefs who advise the Presidential Cabinet and review legislation affecting customary law or any traditional practice, including land tenure. Council of Iroij Leadership: Zedkeia, Vice Chairman Members: Zedkeia, Vice Chairman Royal Clan: Kabua, Member Royal Clan: Japan seized the Islands in , governing them under a League of Nations mandate until the U. Navy occupied them in In , the islands became part of the U. Under the Compact, the country is fully sovereign in domestic and foreign affairs, but gives responsibility for defense to the United States. Download the entire Compact here: Executive power lies with the President, who is elected by the Nitijela, and the Presidential Cabinet. The President appoints cabinet ministers to leading positions in the government departments with the approval of the Nitijela. Legislative power resides in the Nitijela, which consists of 33 senators elected by 24 electoral districts by universal suffrage of all citizens above 18 years of age. The electoral districts correspond roughly to each atoll of the Marshall Islands. Although no legal restrictions exist against the formation of political parties, no formal parties exist. Two ad hoc parties have existed since the mid s. The Council of Iroij is comprised of 12 tribal chiefs who advise the Presidential Cabinet and review legislation affecting customary law or any traditional practice, including land tenure. The government respects freedom of speech and the press. A privately owned weekly newspaper, the Marshall Islands Journal, publishes in both English and the Marshallese languages. There are several radio stations one is state-owned which give voice to a range of views. Cable television broadcasts local news as well as U. The Judiciary is independent, and the rule of law is well established. The government respects the right to a fair trial. Both the national and local police honor legal civil rights protections in performing their duties. There are no restrictions on religious observance in this predominantly Christian country. We have reason to be proud of our forefathers who boldly ventured across the unknown waters of the vast Pacific Ocean many centuries ago, ably responding to the constant challenges of maintaining a bare existence on these tiny islands in their noble quest to build their own distinctive society. This society has survived, and has withstood the test of time, the impact of other cultures, the devastation of war, and the high price paid for the purposes of international peace and security. All we have and are today as a people, we have received as a sacred heritage which we pledge ourselves to maintain, valuing nothing more dearly than our rightful home on these islands. With this Constitution, we affirm our desire and right to live in peace and harmony, subscribing to the principles of democracy, sharing the aspirations of all other peoples for a free and peaceful world, and striving to do all we can to assist in achieving this goal. We extend to other peoples what we profoundly seek from them: Download the entire here: The deep blue background represents the Pacific Ocean. The white and orange bands represent the Ratak Sunrise and Ralik Sunset chains, respectively. The customary symbolism of orange as the color of bravery and white as the color of peace are also recognized. The star represents the cross of Christianity, with each of the 24 points signifying a municipal district of the RMI. The four main points represent the major centers of Majuro, Ebeye, Jaluit and Wotje. The official flag is at an aspect ratio of 2: The outstanding feature of the Seal is the stylized Angel of Peace centered with outstretched wings. Around the Angel, from the top and moving clockwise: The four longer rays represent the 4 sub-centers of Majuro the capital , Jaluit, Wotje, and Kwajalein Atolls. On either side of the star are the rays which are on the flag. Each ray is of two colors, one, orange representing bravery, and the other, white representing peace. The two-colored rays also represent the two chains of atolls, the Ratak Sunrise and the Ralik Sunset. Next is a stylized fishing net, fish being the main staple of the diet of the Marshallese people. Under the stick chart is the word "SEAL. All of the Marshall Islands are low lying atolls. Above the right wing of the Angel is a "pounder", made out of a giant clam shell, and treasured by every family. This pounder is used to pound pandanus leaves, which are used for making mats, sails, and, traditionally, clothing. The pounder was a symbol of prosperity. Around the outer edges are

the words "Republic of the Marshall Islands" and at the bottom, "Jepilpilin Ke ejukaan. Protection of the Seal: Each individual use of the seal shall be considered a separate offense.

Chapter 3 : cambodia diplomatic handbook Manual

Diplomatic missions in the Marshall Islands This is a list of diplomatic missions in the Marshall Islands. There are three embassies in the capital, Majuro.

Written by Henry J. The United States generally follows this rule. Authority for this rule is found in the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. Constitution, which states that: Wong Kim Ark U. The constitutional rule of jus soli has been construed generously and almost always has endowed all persons born in the United States with United States citizenship. The Fourteenth Amendment does not define the "United States". However, the Fourteenth Amendment clearly includes all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The jus soli rule was repeated in the Nationality Act of 1940. The Act of 1940 included Guam within its definition of the United States. Also, the Northern Mariana Islands, a segment of the former UN Trusteeship, thereafter elected to become a self-governing Commonwealth of the United States, and a Covenant of Political Union gave American citizenship to the indigenous inhabitants of the Marianas. These territorial areas traditionally included "the ports, harbors, bays and other enclosed areas of the sea along its coast and a marginal belt of the sea extending from the coast line outward a marine league, or three geographic miles. A person born on a foreign vessel lying in U. Similarly, a child born on a plane in the United States or flying over its territory would acquire United States citizenship at birth. However, the citizenship of the child is not affected by the nationality or registry of the vessel. A child born in the U. Naval Station or a U. In almost all cases, the constitutional rule of universal citizenship for all persons born in the United States is unaffected by the status of their parents. The immigration statute has provided for a presumption of native birth for children of unknown parentage found in the United States since January 13, 1940, when the Nationality Act of 1940 was enacted. The Act of 1940 replaced this presumption with a similar provision when it was enacted on December 24, 1940. The Nationality Act of 1940 did not specify the age at which the "child" must have been "found" or the duration of the presumption. In the absence of such a showing the child is conclusively presumed to be a citizen of the United States. Exceptions to the General Rule Foreign Sovereigns, Foreign Diplomats and their Families The general rule does not apply to foreign sovereigns, accredited foreign diplomats or their families since under International law they are not subject to the law of the foreign country which has received them. Accordingly, children born in the United States to such individuals are not entitled to United States citizenship. However, these children may be eligible for lawful permanent residence. The INS position is that such a birth in the United States creates only eligibility for permanent resident status, and that such status is abandoned if the children return to their native country. Such children may apply for the creation of a record of lawful permanent residence. Foreign sovereigns are deemed to include only heads of a foreign state on an official visit to this country; they do not include those who are not visiting this country in their official capacity as heads of their government. The term also includes persons with comparable diplomatic status and immunity who are accredited to the United Nations or to the Organization of American States, and other individuals who are accorded comparable diplomatic status. Birth in Certain United States Possessions or Former Possessions The general rule of jus soli is not universally applied to persons born in United States possessions or former possessions including: Birth in these possessions or former possessions does not guarantee U. However, the law regarding U. Please request a formal consultation in such a case.

Chapter 4 : List of diplomatic missions of the Marshall Islands - Wikipedia

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Chapter 5 : Marshall Islands - Embassies and Consulates

handbook, turkmenistan diplomatic handbook, marshall islands diplomatic handbook, yugoslavia diplomatic handbook,

zimbabwe diplomatic handbook, cambodia and phnom penh, first they killed my father a daughter of cambodia remembers loung ung, diplomatic asylum by carroll neale ronning, tigris over cambodia an american pilot apos s memoir.

Chapter 6 : List of diplomatic missions in the Marshall Islands - Wikipedia

Diplomatic relations were established on July 26, 1986, when President George H. W. Bush signed into law H.R. 1000, approving diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Establishment of the American Embassy in the Marshall Islands,

Chapter 7 : USP: Marshall Islands Legislation (Consolidation)

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Chapter 8 : U.S. CITIZENSHIP BY BIRTH IN THE UNITED STATES

the islands of Bikini and Enewetak are former US nuclear test sites; Kwajalein atoll, famous as a World War II battleground, surrounds the world's largest lagoon and is used as a US missile test range; the island city of Ebeye is the second largest settlement in the Marshall Islands, after the capital of Majuro, and one of the most densely.

Chapter 9 : RMI Washington D.C. Embassy - Government

Micronesia and the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands. of foreign diplomatic staff) born in the Islands, unless the person was born to foreign.