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Annual reports , Publications The overall aim of this report is to give you both a broad policy picture and a detailed inventory of events relating to human rights, rule of law and democracy that took place in Zimbabwe during . Its particular focus is on rights relating to respect for the integrity of the person, respect for civil liberties, including freedom of speech and press, freedom of association and assembly and respect for political rights; elections and political participation. We hope you will find this report as being both informative and useful to your work, the work of human rights organisations but that above all it serves as a genuine and robust record of what transpired during a year of such great consequence in respect of the areas covered. However, we always want to seek ways to improve which is only made possible through your generous feedback, suggestions and continuous dialogue. Download the Report, 1. There were ongoing serious human rights abuses, including the selective application of the law, massive corruption and tight control of electronic media. Despite a fairly successful constitutional referendum, the elections were seriously flawed. Both the constitutional referendum and the subsequent elections were preceded and held in an environment, which witnessed an unprecedented clampdown on civil society organizations and human rights defenders including lawyers in private practice. At the close of the year, cases of politically motivated violence and torture continued to be on a downward trajectory. However violations assumed new forms, mainly post election reprisals that included demolitions of houses, threatened evictions, partisan distribution of food aid and agricultural inputs and hate speech. The end of , also witnessed other positive developments relating to the acquittal of leading human rights defenders and resolution of other long outstanding criminal cases such as the Glen View The Human Rights Commission made its first steps towards human rights awareness when it jointly commemorated the international human rights day with civil society organizations. The food and water insecurity and other social vulnerabilities continued. This was worsened by the government which continued to pursue economic policies based on exclusion and in some cases overt racism. This all led to closure of businesses, flight of capital and a deepening liquidity crisis. This had a profound effect on lives of ordinary citizens. Finally while human perpetrated violence declined, another major threat to human rights emerged in as the state used technology to undermine both human rights and democracy. Overall, like the previous years, was disappointing as it was characterized by institutional failures and the undermining of rights in ways that ranged from both subtle to devious and cunning. Specific Findings Section 1: Rights relating to respect for the Integrity of the Person During , cases of politically motivated murders, violence, abductions, disappearances, torture and intimidation had been lower than in previous years. However the overall situation was still far from perfect. There were ongoing serious human rights abuses, including a disappointing lack of policy reforms and the selective application of the law. Although the new constitution guaranteed rights of criminal defendants, criminal procedure laws were not aligned with the constitution; there were overt attacks on the legal profession such as the arrest and detention of Beatrice Mtetwa, despite the separation of the offices of the attorney general and Prosecutor General, the incumbent continued in office. Several political opponents or those perceived to be such were arrested and brought to court where due process safeguards were not guaranteed with trials characterized by several delays calculated to harass defendants. In respect of organized violence, although overt violence was low, cases of institutional intimidation and harassment continued, as well as food related violations and post election reprisals. Respect for Civil Liberties The new constitution guarantees civil liberties including freedom of speech, press and media and assembly and association. However there were ongoing serious human rights abuses, including tight control of electronic media and further controls on mobile telephone communications. Legislative and institutional reform was not a priority

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for the government and repressive laws such as POSA and AIPPA continued to be used selectively by unreformed state institutions and actors to prevent constitutional freedoms from being exercised due to lack of political will and failure to censure heavy-handed action whenever it occurred. There were attacks on the media, judges and lawyers, use of repressive laws against targeted civil society organizations CSOs and human rights defenders HRDs and criminalization of free speech. The sustained and escalating assault on NGOs involved in civic education, human rights monitoring, public outreach and service provision – all of which are lawful activities and noble endeavor were highlighted by local NGOs. Free protests were quashed and met with disproportionate force. With regard to citizenship rights, a lack of clarity prevailed despite the signing into law of the new constitution which allows dual citizenship and restored citizenship rights to a lot of people who had been disenfranchised. Respect for Political Rights The old constitution provided citizens with the right to change their government peacefully, Section 23A of the new constitution under which the elections were held explicitly provides for the right to vote. Despite the affirmation the right was restricted in practice. The political process continued to be biased heavily in favor of ZANU-PF, which has dominated politics and government and manipulated electoral results since independence in . During the harmonised elections held on 31 July there were substantial electoral irregularities reported by domestic and regional observers, which rendered the result not to be a credible expression of the will of the Zimbabwean people. The election was reported to be a culmination of a deeply flawed process. There were irregularities in the provision and composition of the voters roll. The political parties had unequal access to state media. Open Governance The government did not demonstrate any commitment towards openness in governance. With regard to corruption, on 16 November, Afrobarometer found that nearly one-third of Africans in 34 countries including Zimbabwe were forced to pay bribes, including for medical treatment. The government lacked accountability and transparency especially in relation to revenue flows. As a demonstration of general lack of revenue transparency, the government did not fully implement the economic management programme agreed with the IMF in June , as a pre-condition for re-engagement. There remained secrecy around diamond mining and revenue. The government was not accountable and neither did it take responsibility for economic decline, and continued misleading the nation on the sanctions issue. Attitudes towards international community In Zimbabwe had a very poor record of responding to visit requests by international bodies and there were at least 8 pending visit requests by the UNHRC special mandates. Numerous statements and requests were also issued by international NGOs and intergovernmental organizations such as the UN and the EU for the government to respect its obligations under international law, to which there were no positive responses. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights The new constitution includes economic, social and cultural rights, and specifically for water rights. Working and living conditions deteriorated substantially with labour unrest. Government continued to pursue economic policies based on exclusion of other social groups and that threatened direct foreign investment thereby undermining means of livelihoods. Access to water and sanitation remained poor. At the close of the year, the economy was nearing collapse, leading the country into further poverty. Recommendations To the Government of Zimbabwe Generally the government should take concrete steps to fulfill its international legal obligations and commitments relating to economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights as spelt out in various international charters and treaties to which Zimbabwe is party. These specific steps should include, but are not limited to, measures to: Immediately impose an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, and commute all death sentences. Align all laws that are inconsistent with the New Constitution 3. Improve the operating environment for human rights defenders, opposition parties and every person in Zimbabwe to enable them to enjoy their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly. End forced evictions and ensure the full and effective enjoyment of the right to adequate housing, including pursuing effective remedies for those people affected by the mass forced evictions known as Operation Murambatsvina and other cases of forced evictions that have taken place. Continue with the institutional reforms that started under the Government of National Unity to ensure that all government institutions, including law enforcement agencies, operate in a professional and

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non-partisan manner and respect international human rights standards. Ensure that the Zimbabwe Republic Police fully respects and protects all the rights contained in the Declaration of Rights in the Constitution, including by: Implement institutional and technical measures to ensure that future elections have integrity and that they meet both regional and international standards. This may include but without limitation, implementation of biometrics technology. Pursue a rights based approach to the economy in order to advance the national objectives in the constitution based on the concept of progressive realization of all economic and social rights as spelt out in the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights ICESCR and the Geneva Programme of Action of The dialogues, for example, could be rooted in the existing frameworks such as the proposed constitutional outreach. Recommendations to the international community International relations principles Under all circumstances first, second and third diplomatic channels should be given a chance There is need for multi-level dialogues on various issues. There should also be an article 13 dialogue. Ensure that the most vulnerable in society have access to nutritious food and health facilities, but with a long term goal of creating both social and economic resilience and reduction of vulnerabilities.

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Brazil , Global May 19 Abstract: The purpose of this article is to consolidate the issues raised in debates on the binding effect of the arbitration clause to non-signatory parties that are members of groups of companies in accordance with the so-called group of companies doctrine under the Brazilian legal system. First, this article analyses the concept of arbitration agreements, as well as its validity requirements, especially the requirement of written form. Then, the article explores the meaning of the group of companies doctrine in the Brazilian legal system in order to explain its meaning and implications. Finally, the article analyses whether such doctrine is compatible with the Brazilian legal system. Through this exercise, one must conclude that the Brazilian legal framework allows for such extension. Introduction; 1 The arbitration clause and the requirement of written form; 1. It is unanimous among scholars that arbitration brought several advantages to dispute resolution, such as celerity, flexibility, confidentiality, impartiality, efficiency and ethics. In line with globalisation and the development of new technologies, international commercial transactions significantly increased in Brazil. Therefore, commercial relations, from local to cross-border transactions, became more complex, giving rise to more sophisticated corporate structures. It is evident that, with the complexity of commercial relations and the intricate composition of corporate groups, it oftentimes happens that a certain company executes an agreement containing an arbitration clause, whereas it is another company of the same economic group but which did not execute the agreement that performs the role of the actual participant in the contractual relationship. In such cases, a conflict that could arise is when the non-signatory party refuses to participate in the arbitration proceedings on the ground that it has neither signed nor agreed with the agreement or the arbitration clause. Therefore, the present article aims precisely at analysing this issue: May the arbitrators extend their powers to companies that are part of transnational economic groups but were not actual signatories to the relevant arbitration agreements? Case law and scholarly comments proposed the group of companies doctrine as guidance in such situations. However, where is such theory contained and how can it be applied under a Brazilian perspective? This analysis must begin with some clarifications about the arbitration agreement and especially about the requirement of written form. The main difference of a submission agreement from an arbitration clause is that it is executed after the dispute has actually arisen. Therefore, it is more detailed and complete than the arbitration clause, as the parties can later identify in detail the subject matter of the dispute and its possible solutions. The main identifiable feature of arbitration agreements is their autonomy. The agreement to arbitrate is independent from the main contract in which it is inserted. As expressly provided in Art. The second reason is that the purpose of the arbitration agreement is different from that of the main contract. The main contract stipulates the legal obligations of the parties, whereas the arbitration agreement commands that all disputes relating to the commercial aspect of the contract be resolved through arbitration. Such disputes may never actually arise, but if it does, the arbitration agreement will be the basis on which the arbitral tribunal will be formed in order to solve any disputes relating to the main contract. In the present study, we shall focus only on the requirement of written form, insofar as it constitutes one of the main arguments against the application of the arbitration clause to non-signatory parties. In fact, the requirement that the arbitration clause is registered in writing is of paramount importance in order to ascertain: In its turn, Art. Second, a written provision provides a record of the arbitration agreement, evidencing the existence and the contents of the arbitration agreement in case a dispute arises. Many commentators consider that the Brazilian Arbitration Act does not allow for an extensive interpretation, and as such, the arbitration agreement must be always agreed in writing. Consent from the interested parties is essential. In the judgment of the Contested Foreign Award No. Many Brazilian and international commentators are of the same opinion. It suffices under Brazilian law i. Indeed, choosing arbitration does not

exclude state courts, as it is the natural forum for international disputes. Additionally, the requirement of written form does not necessarily provide a higher legal certainty, since it oftentimes entices additional controversies. Therefore, in accordance with the STJ case law, international practice also indicates that if a party participates in an arbitration proceeding without opposing to the existence of an arbitration clause, such implied consent suffices to justify the subjective application of the arbitration agreement. This enables the adoption of various organisational structures that allow for quick and easy adaptation including change of capitals to address market wishes and reduce possible risks to each entity. However, the existence of a plurality of companies that are linked by ownership of capital does not in itself characterise the concept of a group. A group is formed only when the element of plurality is combined with the second element, which is the steering unit. Within the corporate perspective, the steering unit of a group of companies is intrinsically linked with the degree of control exercised by each company to the other. The legal concept of control is given by Art. It can be inferred from the abovementioned articles that the control of one company over another is not only characterised by a majority participation in the corporate capital of the subsidiary but also by the effective use of control. It is the example of large companies, heavily indebted before a bank that must have the prior approval of such financial institution to perform certain important acts of their activities e. Minority shareholders, especially state-owned entities, may also exercise a power of control when they are holders of golden shares that give the right to veto certain matters in general meetings. Isover Saint-Gobain, is considered the leading precedent on the applicability of the arbitration clause to non-signatories in groups of companies. It is important to bear in mind that both Swiss companies were part of the large business group Dow Chemical and it is provided in the agreements that the French subsidiary Dow Chemical France or any other subsidiary of the Dow Chemical group, even those that are not signatories of the contracts and arbitration clauses, could carry out deliveries of products acquired by Isover Saint-Gobain. The Dow Chemical companies claimed that Isover Saint-Gobain delivered products that were not in accordance with the required quality standards, which is in violation of the distribution agreement. The evidence showed that Dow Chemical France, although not counted as a signatory to the agreements, was in the centre of negotiations and was the only supplier of Isover Saint-Gobain. Additionally, it has participated in the negotiations that gave rise to the termination of the agreements. The Dow Chemical Company, on the other hand, was the owner of the brands of the products that would be commercialised in France, and therefore, the agreements could not have been concluded and implemented without its consent. Taking these into account, the arbitral tribunal recognised the existence of a corporate group between the Dow Chemical companies and, consequently, applied the arbitration clause to the non-signatories of the group based on two main grounds: Many legal precedents and scholars follow such theory and have developed the fundamentals of the single economic reality and participation in the execution of the agreement. Thixomat asked for the closure of the arbitration but the district court rejected the request on the grounds that the arbitration clause can be applied as long as the claims of the subsidiary and the parent company are based on the same facts and are inherently inseparable. In this case, the parent company of the corporate group and one of its clients signed an agreement pursuant to which the services would be provided by the subsidiaries of the parent, which are all non-signatories to the agreement. Thus, during the performance of the agreement, the customer started to deal directly with the subsidiaries, which performed the contents of the agreement. The arbitral tribunal decided to apply the clause to all the companies involved. Nevertheless, according to Brekoulakis, it does not suffice that the non-signatory and the signatory company belong to the same group. It is required for both companies to form a cohesive group structure and strong organisational and trade relations. To Pietro Ferrari, the parent company of the group should have acted not only on its own, but also on behalf of its subsidiaries. As a consequence, we see that the group of companies doctrine is founded on two essential elements for the application of the arbitration clause: In the following section, we will show that the doctrine is compatible with the Brazilian legal system, given that it is based on principles commonly accepted by the Brazilian legislation and case law. However, the group of companies doctrine is also subject to some limitations and criticisms, which will also be analysed in this article. Considered as the cornerstone of

commercial arbitration and private law, the principle of party autonomy allows every capable person to: It is a requirement. When there is no appearance or declaration of an intention of the parties, then we cannot even consider the existence of business agreement. Party autonomy is the cornerstone of arbitration, being portrayed in the called arbitration agreement. Since it constitutes a business agreement, the general validity prerequisites of businesses agreements must be observed, such as: The Court of Appeal extended the application of the clause under the grounds that: Consequently, the third party it is, only appears to be this third party. Although the court has only referred to the theory in part, it is an important precedent that matches the arbitral practice shown in the present study. After a while, the quotaholders and Trelleborg Industri AB, a Swedish company belonging to the Trelleborg Group, agreed that Trelleborg Industri AB would have the right to appoint any company taking part in the Trelleborg Group to execute a commercial partnership agreement in Brazil. The defendants filed an appeal to the TJSP, alleging that Trelleborg Industri AB lacked the standing to be sued, since it had not signed the contract, which had the arbitration clause. The TJSP rejected the allegations because Trelleborg Industri AB had exerted, in many opportunities, an active participation not only in the relation kept with Anel in order to perform the contract, but also in the arbitral proceedings. Indeed, evidence had shown that Trelleborg Industri AB: For these reasons, the progress brought by this precedent is clear and meets the grounds explained above in the three arbitral and state decisions previously exposed in item 3. Fernando Soares et al. In this case, GP requested the reversal of the arbitral award based on the argument that it had never signed and agreed with the arbitration clause provided in the share purchase agreement that was executed between Fernando Soares and Almeria a controlled entity of GP , pursuant to which Fernando Soares sold shares of Imbra S. Additionally, for the first time, TJSP mentioned the group of companies doctrine. Nevertheless, the state court of appeal did not entirely recognise it to the extent that is stated that the mere existence of a group of companies does not constitute sufficient ground to apply the arbitration provision to a third party. However, as every theory, the group of companies doctrine is not universally accepted and certainly subject to criticism. These are also among the requirements for the arbitration provision to apply to non-signatory parties within a group of companies. However, these principles are not absolute. Therefore, it is clear that the parties may choose the law that better fits their needs, always regarding the limits established by the public order rules, that must prevail to the arbitration, superseding the parties will free translation by the author. In this case, the claimant, Indutech SPA, presented a foreign arbitral decision for enforcement. The lack of such elements would amount to a significant violation of the party autonomy principle and, therefore, to an offense to the Brazilian public policy. The contract had an arbitration provision. The arbitral tribunal sentenced the latter to pay the damages suffered by all enterprises from the group involved, basing its decision upon the group of companies theory raised in ICC precedents. Unsatisfied, Peterson Farms argued before the London Commercial Court against the validity of the expert report rendered in the arbitration. According to the theory, which has its origin in the French law and the Dow Chemical vs. The analysis of the group of companies and the writing requirement of an arbitration agreement in the Brazilian legal system show clearly that the group of companies is somehow compatible with Brazilian law. Moreover, the requirement of a written arbitration agreement is not essential for the validity of the arbitration agreement. In other words, the consent of a party may be demonstrated by means other than a signature, such as the conduct of a party or the exchange of electronic messages. In fact, the consent to arbitrate can be implied and, thus, not signing a contract does not necessarily indicate the intention to not be part of it. In addition, there would be no reason to refuse such an institute considering that it is based on principles and theories already established in the Brazilian legal system, such as the principle of party autonomy and the Principle of Appearance. In fact, in Brazil, arbitration is essentially contractual and based on clear and unambiguous expression of the will of the parties. Given that an extensive interpretation of the written form, as what is done in France, may conflict with the rules of public policy and basic principles of corporate and contract law, causing considerable legal uncertainty. Therefore, it can be concluded that the subjective extension of the application of the arbitration clause in corporate groups is fully possible and should be seen as

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favourable by the academic community and national courts, but it will depend on the detailed analysis of each case to not misrepresent the arbitration itself and cause conflict with the Brazilian public policy. To view all formatting for this article eg, tables, footnotes , please access the original [here](#).

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Criticise or praise your French lawyer Disclaimer: This page does not set out to give anything other than a glimpse of certain aspects of this area of French Law and professional advice should always be sought from a duly specialised French practitioner prior to undertaking any steps whatsoever. Recent legislation has made French nationality requirements via marriage more difficult. Considerable discretionary power has been given to the French Consulates in their decisions to grant or deny visas. There has however been a streamlining of procedures for entry of professionals and group-level transfers to France. This is merely a short summary of an increasingly complex area of French law. We shall briefly look at visa issues, both professional and family, and then look at French nationality questions relating to foreigners. A long stay visa, or entry permit, is required for all persons requesting a stay document. This essentially means that the alien must go through a French Consular authority and be approved to enter the country. Of course, for members of the OECD countries, including the United States, no such long stay visa is required for trips to France under 90 days. This means that the great majority of people must begin their immigration to France by preparing a petition to the French Consulate having jurisdiction over their residence. Short stay visas There is a harmonization of rules across the European Union for short-stay visas called "Schengen Visas", allowing free movement in the Schengen space Europe. There are various types of such visas, whether for business or pleasure, issued by one of the European member states to the Schengen convention. The visa is granted for one or multiple stays for no more than three months per every six months. There is an intermediate visa, between the short stay visa and the long stay visa, for stays of six months, and which do not require that the alien obtain a stay card. But this visa has only limited uses and most people who wish to remain in France will need to make an application for a long stay visa, with or without the assistance of counsel. In spite of recent efforts to restrict the immigration of unskilled foreigners to France, France has nevertheless kept its borders open to skilled workers and the rules have been made ever more favourable to group companies and international service agreements. France has recently opened its borders to foreign non EU workers via a number of recent reforms. A number of categories of work permit and temporary work visas exist, notably a new hire of a foreign person, the transfer of a foreign employee to France for a limited time to perform a specific function, and special provisions for high-level employees of international groups. A special provision is provided for foreigners sent to France to open a representative office of a foreign company. A foreign professional may also obtain a work visa as an independent non-salaried professional or officer of a French company. Three options exist for international intra-company and affiliate cross-border transfers of key personnel: The first category mentioned, the high level executive category, allows for considerable time savings but has stringent requirements regarding minimum salary, seniority with the group and existence of group relationship. The temporary employee transfer category may provide a short-term solution where the minimum pay or international group criteria are not satisfied for the high level executive category. Finally if employment in France shall be long-term, the new hire option is more time-consuming, but is a viable option. Under the standard procedure for application for a work permit, the French employer prepares the petition, often with the assistance of French counsel. The employee must appear personally at the foreign Consulate to process the entry visa. Family immigration Spouses of French citizens have a right to a long stay visa and a family stay card as of right, absent fraud, and for spouses from visa waiver countries, no long stay visa is required. The spouse can acquire a right to permanent residence, provided the marriage was celebrated at least two years prior to the permanent residency request. Furthermore, children less than 21 years of age of a French parent also have a right to permanent residence. Also, the parent of a French citizen may request permanent residence, provided that the parent is a dependent of the French citizen. Furthermore, the minor children of aliens established legally in France can

also be sponsored for visas to return to the family unit. France still has a very favourable framework for retirees, where unlike the United States a special visa category still exists. Acquiring French nationality If the foreign-born person is the child of a French parent, citizenship may be obtained as of right by making a petition for a French nationality certificate. The individual need not reside in France to make this application. Foreign-born persons with a French spouse may claim French citizenship following four years of marriage. Furthermore, foreign-born persons may request to be naturalized if such persons have resided continuously in France for five years prior to filing of the request. The above-mentioned five-year period may be reduced to two years if the foreign-born person successfully performed two years of higher education in France. A reply is given to the request within 18 months of the request although in practice this may take longer. Dual nationality Dual nationality is not expressly provided for in French law, but is recognized. Thus a child born abroad in a country which applies the rights of nationality based on place of birth, where such child may also claim nationality through parentage, will have dual nationality. Dual nationality may also be obtained through naturalization, by marriage, by transfer of a territory or by independence of a State such as Algeria in Nevertheless, the French government applies the Convention of May 6, which provides that former nationality is lost in respect of national laws of signatory states whose laws provide for loss of nationality, such as Germany. The effects of this Convention was substantially reduced by a amendment signed between France, Italy and the Netherlands, which provides that dual nationality shall be permitted under certain conditions. French nationality may be renounced by declaration made to the foreign Consulate. Asylum in France French law recognizes rights to asylum or political refugee status for a foreign-born person who is subject to persecution by a sovereign or non-sovereign authority. Asylum may also be granted by reference to the French Constitution based upon persecution due to actions in favour of freedom. Appeal of refusals Whether for a visa refusal or a denial of nationality, the French system of justice enables the individual to appeal the decision by either making an additional, formal request for reconsideration, or a hierarchical review, or recourse to the courts.

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Cultural relativism is pervasive and could render the United Nations a symbol of powerlessness. As everyone pursues their own interests, such unilateral pursuit leads directly to isolation and conflict. The task is not to fuel tensions but to put forth a new agenda through dialogue and multilateralism. Trade imbalances can be solved with common rules that guarantee fair competition, not bilateral dealings. All must go beyond historical positions to think outside the box, he said, stressing that such an approach will effect positive change on the ground. The law of the strongest will only exacerbate tensions. Proposing that a new world balance to be crafted together, he called for new forms of international and regional cooperation. The upholding of sovereignty enhances regional cooperation and more robust international safeguards will enable responses to current crises. In Syria, for example, the role of the Organization should be to head peace efforts, provide the ways and means to solve the humanitarian crisis, and to assist in crafting a constitution and free elections. However, decisions ultimately must be made by stakeholders. In Libya, this new approach would allow for a lasting solution. State institutions in that country must be supported by the United Nations and the African Union. All States must be able to count on themselves to guarantee their own security and must also draw upon regional and international organizations. This was the intention of the African Union, an organization which should be supported by the United Nations, he said, noting that a resolution along these lines would be presented by the end of the year. While sovereignty and enhanced regional and international cooperation must be upheld, only collective action allows for the upholding of sovereignty, he continued. Thus, climactic, migration flows and other global issues must be tackled collectively. The only way to effectively manage migration is to address the root causes, dismantle trafficking networks and protect borders while upholding international law and right to asylum. After the financial crisis ten years ago, the international community failed to address the unequal spread of wealth across the globe and all of those who felt left behind. Today the world is paying the collective price for that. A solution is needed for those suffering from gaping equality gaps, for impoverished people, for youth living in developing countries and that solution depends on what the General Assembly does. As the incoming chair of the Group of Seven, he stated that inequalities will be addressed in that forum. In the past, rich countries could impose an agenda on the rest of the world, but those days are over, he stated. Calling for goals to be ambitious and bold, he urged Member States to stop signing trade agreements for those who do not participate in the Paris Agreement. He also proposed that the United Nations support France in the creation of a mechanism to address inequalities when the Group of Seven meets. Africa must be given a central and leading role in any internationally formed new order, as it is on this continent that the battle against inequality will be won or lost. In alliance with Africa, the French chairmanship of the Group of Seven will look at these issues, he said. If courage is lacking in the defence of fundamental principles, global war is a threat. Member States must find that courage again and renew the commitment to prevent the future scourge of war. Ways and means to secure global peace must be identified. It was genocide that led to the United Nations, he said, recalling the atrocities of the Second World War and the complacency of the international community at that time. But France is a country that has always fought for universality, he said, imploring people to not succumb to indifference and to not accept history unravelling.

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Morley New York Law Journal International marriages and personal relationships place special demands on family lawyers whose clients require dependable advice about complex international family law issues. This has led to an increasing role for international family law counsel. Today, it would hardly be unusual for an American man and a French woman living in New York to marry in Bermuda, move from New York to Singapore on business, own real estate in Canada and a business in England, and have children in school in Switzerland. If they separated and one spouse unilaterally returned with the children to live in New York, each party might well require legal advice regarding many matters, each having a significant international component, concerning divorce, custody, equitable distribution, child support, spousal support and child abduction. Family lawyers may have little experience in handling international cases. International family law attorneys are usually familiar with different legal systems ideally, civil as well as common law, whether by practice, academic experience or otherwise. Genuine knowledge of foreign practices and social customs is another critical element of the ability to counsel on international family law matters. Typically, international family law attorneys are multicultural in experience and outlook, and understand the particular concerns of people from different cultures. International counsel collaborate with local counsel in each jurisdiction and offer a critical overview and understanding of the "big picture" of an international family law case that local counsel can rarely give, so as to provide coordinated, coherent and effective advice to clients. They also assist clients and counsel by drawing on international networks of counsel, consultants and experts. The initial steps in many of these cases are the most significant. Preliminary questions may include: Should the client stay in the foreign residence or move "back home" before instituting a divorce? What steps should the client take before moving to another country? May a parent with certain rights of custody from a court in one country unilaterally take the child to another country? What would be the consequences of such a move? Clients must have knowledgeable and experienced advice when making such decisions. The specific issues with which international counsel may provide assistance include prenuptial agreements, international child abduction, international divorce, international relocation, the ability of individuals to remarry and international child custody. Their attorneys should make recommendations as to which law should govern. Laws concerning prenuptial agreements vary considerably throughout the world. Some jurisdictions prohibit prenuptial agreements, such as Hong Kong and England although there is a trend in England towards enforceability. Other jurisdictions enforce prenuptial agreements liberally, such as most civil law jurisdictions, while other jurisdictions, such as most U. In the extreme example of an Australian national living in New York with business interests in France who is engaged to a Taiwanese national living in Munich with real estate in California, it might be necessary to consider whether English, Australian, Taiwanese, New York, German, French or California law might govern the agreement, and it is then necessary to select the most appropriate and beneficial. International counsel must understand and be sensitive to the effect of local practice on potential enforcement, ensure that clients are well-advised concerning such laws and procedures and ensure that clients understand that the advice concerning local law is derived from local counsel. International counsel might recommend "mirror agreements," whereby prenuptial agreements are drafted in accordance with the laws of more than one jurisdiction, each "mirroring" the other, to ensure that if one is unenforceable a "back-up" agreement may be enforceable nonetheless. Thus, they will advise as to the recognition in the jurisdiction in which the parties plan to marry or reside of divorce decrees issued overseas. Divorce through plenary court proceedings is not the universally accepted model. Since foreign divorces vary enormously in form, structure and procedure, counsel must advise as to the extent to which they will be recognized in this country. The following types of divorce present particular issues: Registry office divorces, such as in Japan

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and Taiwan and, with certain variations, in China and Korea, whereby both spouses merely file a paper in a local registry office and are promptly divorced. International family law counsel must analyze the laws of divorce in a the jurisdiction which granted the divorce, b the jurisdiction in which the parties are now residing or domiciled and c any jurisdiction to which the parties plan to move in the future. Polygamous marriages spawn a vast array of legal consequences in different jurisdictions and may create extremely complex issues for international family law counsel. International family law counsel coordinate all aspects of these cases, which often require immediate action in multiple jurisdictions. If a child is abducted from the United States to a foreign country, international counsel may assist the left-behind parent by taking the following steps: If retained by a parent who is alleged to have abducted a child to a foreign jurisdiction, international counsel will assist the client to retain local counsel in the foreign jurisdiction, assist in preparing the defense and assist in defending any actions that the left-behind parent asserts in the state from which the child was removed. Selection of the forum. This requires a determination of which jurisdictions are available concerning a the marriage, b the real property, c the personal property, d custody of the children, e child support and f spousal support. Counsel must then determine the applicable laws for each jurisdiction, including the conflict-of-law rules and make predictions as to the likely outcomes. Divorce laws vary considerably around the world, as do the actual practices of divorce courts. Selection of the best forum is often the single most critical decision in an international family law case. Advice as to initial steps to be taken or not taken. Typical issues are whether the client should: Retention of local counsel. Development and implementation of case-management strategy, including coordinating factual investigations, taking discovery, responding to discovery requests, handling pretrial motions, preparing for trial and handling appeals. This might include evidence establishing that Japanese courts will not enforce foreign visitation orders; that in Japan the Japanese parent customarily receives sole custody; that Japan is not a party to the Hague Convention; and that the U. This includes determining which is the best jurisdiction, assisting foreign local counsel if the action is instituted in a foreign country, helping resolve problems arising from the institution of custody actions in more than jurisdiction and developing case strategy. International family law counsel play a key role in assisting clients and family lawyers handle a multiplicity of complex international family law matters.

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