

## The Last Page

### Public International Limericks

#### **42 and 48**

A wrongful act, practiced at leisure,  
Prescribes of contempt, indeed, no small measure  
But if *erga omnes*  
Just cut short the blandness  
And invoke the breach with some pleasure.

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#### **Treaty and Contract**

There once was an umbrella clause  
Its wording commended applause  
For when t'was invoked  
The state felt quite smoked  
And could not rely on its laws.

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#### **Travaux**

There once was a treaty provision  
Whose phrasing just prompted division  
As the Vienna rules too  
Made its sense more askew  
The parties got on to an excision

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#### **Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, Art. 37**

There was a blatantly wrongful action  
That still had some great attraction  
It was indeed savage  
But causing no damage  
It did only give rise to satisfaction

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