Statehood in international law

- What is a state?
 - Territory
 - Population
 - Governing structures
 - Independence
- Relations between states
 - Common organs
 - Federal state
 - International organisation

The Principality of Sealand



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- Establishment and termination of states
 - What is a new state?
 - State succession
 - Recognition of states
- State representation
 - States and governments
 - Government transition
 - Recognition of governments

Kosovo



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Declaration on Friendly Relations (1970)

'Nothing in the foregoing paragraphs shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States conducting themselves in compliance with the principle of equal rights and selfdetermination of peoples as described above and thus possessed of a government representing the whole people belonging to the territory without distinction as to race, creed or colour.'

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Case Study 6 International environmental law

Discuss

- 1) the legal method of the ICJ, and
- 2) the content of states' obligations in the following cases:
- The Threat or Use of Nuclar Weapons case(1996), paragraph 29.
- The Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros case (1997), paragraph 140.
- The Pulp Mills case (2010) paragraph 204.

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