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## Endorsement of Avneesh Kumar's Essay

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To,

**The Prof R.P. Anand Virtual Centre of International Law**  
**Biannual Essay Competition**

Reference the above.

I take pleasure in writing an endorsement to the essay written by Mr. AVNEESH KUMAR, final year LL.M student, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University. The title of essay is "Role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in Developing and Evolving International Law".

The essay comprises six chapters that include an introduction and conclusion. He introduces his essay stating that the ICJ is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations and argues that the ICJ also contributes to making law. There cannot be any doubt that the Statute of the ICJ is an integral part of the Charter of the United Nations as all members of the UN are *ipso facto* members of the ICJ. Moreover, Article 38 of the ICJ Statute provides that "judicial decisions" are subsidiary sources of international law. This is precisely what Avneesh discusses in Chapter 2 of his essay.

Chapter 3 deals with a number of landmark ICJ cases-Reparation of Injuries Case, Fisheries Case and the Chorzow Factory Case of the PCIJ which have contributed to- the principle of international legal personality, special customs and responsibility of state.

Likewise Chapter 4 and 5 deal with the norm creating role of the ICJ and some of its limitation.

Overall I believe the essay is well written with a particular emphasis on the need to enhance the role and effectiveness of the ICJ in international law. I am sure, Prof. Anand would have loved to read this essay and provide his own distinct narrative and views on the World Court, whose work was very close to his heart. His book on "Compulsory Jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (1958), still remains a classic.

In view of the above, I endorse his essay for the Prof. R.P. Essay Competition 2015.

Warm regards,

Luther.

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