On the claimants' side, it was strongly argued, hardly surprisingly, that such a consequence violated both common sense and recognized principles of interpretation, such as that of "effective interpretation" (*ut res magis valeat quam pereat*).\(^1\)

\(^1\) Cf., e.g., the cases of *Acquisition of Polish Nationality* (*P.C.I.J.*, Series B, no. 7, pp. i6-i7), *Exchange of Greek and Turkish Populations* (*P.C.I.J.*; Series B, no. 10, p. 25) and *Interpretation of Peace Treaties* (I.C.J. Reports, 1952, p. 229).

**Referring Principles:**

I.1.2 - Prohibition of inconsistent behavior