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 "efective interpretation" (\textit{ut res magis valeat quam pereat}).

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

\textbf{Referring Principles:}

- I.1.2 - Prohibition of inconsistent behavior