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