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## A Note from the Editor

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Welcome to Volume 33 of the *Maryland Journal of International Law* (“MJIL”), a special symposium issue on the U.S.-Mexico relationship in international law and politics. This timely issue focuses on the intricate and complex relationship of two nations sharing an entwined, fraught, and conflicted history. Our current political climate reflects the contentious nature of the United States’ relationship with its long-time neighbor, when both countries’ interests align and when those interests are at odds.

The United States and Mexico have undeniable connections and are constantly affected by each other’s actions. Volume 33 touches on different aspects of the relationship that significantly affect American and Mexican societies. The issue begins with an article on the history of post-war settlements and repatriation commissions in the U.S.-Mexico border following the signing of the *Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo* (1848) and how it affected Mexican migration in both the United States and Mexico. The articles that follow touch on the North American Free Trade Agreement (“NAFTA”) and how current renegotiations will affect the relationship between the United States and Mexico. Some of our articles discuss the potential issues with President Donald Trump’s proposed border wall and how it would affect border security and the U.S.’s relationship with Mexico. Finally, the concluding articles in this volume compare the United States and Mexico’s immigration systems and how the Trump Administration’s immigration policy has negatively affected the countries’ relationship. The publication concludes with two selected student notes and comments discussing diverse contemporary issues facing the international community today.

I would like to thank all the Symposium participants for their contributions and insightful scholarship to the Symposium and to Volume 33. I would also like to thank MJIL’s faculty advisor, Professor Peter Danchin, and Professor Maxwell Chibundu, the Journal’s Editorial Board, Senior Editors, and Staff Editors. In

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