Editorial

We are pleased to present the Second Issue of the International Review of Human Rights Law. We acknowledge dedication of members of the Editorial. We are grateful to the authors of the issue. The issue of the journal contains the following four articles.

The first article is by Professor Patrick D. Cullen. This article critiques Jack Donnelly's theory on human rights and attempts to establish the essentialness of negative rights, as opposed to positive rights, for functioning of a safe pluralistic society. The author makes an attempt to define human rights within the context of traditional negative rights, and uses philosophies of Thomas Hobbes, Maurice Cranston, John Rawls, Thomas Nagel and Joshua Cohen to do the same.

The second article is by Professor Matheus Passos Silva. This article examines the notion of fundamental and human rights through the much-hyped *Melloni case.* The author debates the expansion of fundamental rights from a national to an international level and the risks associated with multilevel protection of human rights, thereby attempting to showcase the lowering of standards of protection of human rights that resulted from the Melloni case.

The third article is by Meher Dev and Devyani Tewari. This article deals with the recent proposal of the Indian government to establish a sex offender registry. The article analyses the model of the registry, i.e. the American model, with other models used in Europe, thereby trying to explain how the proposed model is inconsistent with the Indian legal system.

The fourth and the last paper is by Mr. Kelly VanBusKirk. It deals with. the New Brunswick Mental Health Legislation. This article examines the impact of the legislation on individual autonomy and security, when seen in the light of the constitutional safeguards that the Canadians are entitled to. The article also examines alternate models and suggests requisite amendments that could greatly improve the legislation and its subsequent impact.

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