

International Law

Political Science

How law works between states with no central enforcer.

Sources and enforcement.

Sources

Treaties between states

Customary practice accepted as law

General principles of law

Judicial decisions and scholarship as evidence

Why states comply

Reciprocity — they want others to comply

Reputation affects future agreements

Domestic incorporation makes it binding at home

Retaliation and countermeasures

Educational reference. Most international law is complied with most of the time; the visible exceptions are security matters.