RESEARCH EXERCISE 2 – INTERN’L LAW

Directions:

This exercise is due at the start of class on either March 5 or 12—depending on when you give your oral presentation. Students presenting on March 5 have until March 12 to turn it in to me. Students presenting on March 12 must turn it in by March 5. Spend no more than three hours doing the research. It will be evaluated based on your research strategy and results, completeness of the information you provide, and being turned in on time. (Regarding research strategy and results, I am more interested in your strategy than in whatever results you get. So be sure to describe exactly what you do, how you do it, and why you do it. And be sure to discuss potential weaknesses, if any, of your results.) You should try to do as much of it as possible by yourself first and are free to seek help from others—including me—after you run out of ideas. (In “real life,” legal research is sometimes a collaborative effort.) Your answers may be computer printed or handwritten in black or blue ink. If handwritten, then please write legibly.

1. Treaties:

There is no general obligation to extradite at customary international law. Accordingly, most legal obligations requiring states to extradite criminals or suspected criminals are contained in bilateral extradition treaties. The U.S. has currently effective extradition treaties with most major countries of the world, including (for example) Israel.

   A. Find the text of the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Israel in an authoritative source.

   B. When did this treaty enter into force?

   C. Under the treaty’s terms, can a person be extradited solely for a crime related to traffic in illegal firearms? If so, then which treaty provision gives the answer?

   D. Give a correct “Bluebook” citation to this treaty in an authoritative source.

2. IGOs/NGOs/courts & tribunals:

Georgia and Russia waged war against each other last August over disputed lands: South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Both countries claimed that the other violated international law, especially regarding human rights. See whether you can find a relevant, recent report online by an international human rights NGO. If you find one, then describe it in your own words in a paragraph or two.