New Trends in the Enforcement of *erga omnes* Obligations

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I. The Emergence of erga omnes Obligations

1. Human Rights Under the UN Charter

   a. The Programme

   Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter proclaimed the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms as a programme of the United Nations. By referring in Article 56 to the items of that programme as “purposes”, the Charter links them to Article 1 which lists the purposes of the organization, and among them, in para. 3 the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all.