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# **SOVEREIGN EQUALITY IN THE FACE OF EMPIRE**

The foundational principle of sovereign equality is upheld by a triad of interconnected norms: the inviolability of borders, the prohibition on the use of force, and respect for national self-determination. While deeply entrenched in international law, this principle faces mounting challenges, particularly from major powers such as China, Russia, and, seemingly, the incoming Trump administration. These challenges raise a critical question: Can international law uphold its authority in the face of its systematic disregard by nuclear-armed states wielding veto power in the Security Council?

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