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CHAPTER 1

THE CONCEPT OF PACIFIC SETTLEMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW: AN OVERVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

A dispute may be defined as a disagreement concerning a matter of fact, law or policy in which a claim or assertion of one party is met with refusal, counter-claim or denial by another.¹ In the Mavrommatis Case, the Permanent Court of International Justice defined dispute as "a disagreement on a point of law or fact, a conflict of legal views or interests between two persons."² As far as the International Law is concerned, the term dispute refers to disagreement between sovereign states or between a sovereign state and an international organization.

Disputes are inevitable occurrence in human life. It has existed since the earliest days of mankind and will last as long as this worldly life continues. In fact, it can be said to be innate and