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### **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW TO THE TEST OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY: SOME INSIGHTS FROM RECENT PRACTICE**

The affirmation of the principle of equality in both public and private international law shows some interesting similarities, despite the obvious and profound differences between the two fields. In both sectors, it was initially understood in a purely formal sense, only to take on a positive character in some more recent manifestations. This has been the case, for example, in the context of conventions on environmental protection, through the definition of common but differentiated responsibilities of States, or, in the area of uniform conflict-of-laws rules, through provisions aimed at enhancing the protection of socially weaker parties.