

LEGAL VOCABULARY 2

I. Complete the sentences below with words from the box, using each word only once.

comply, infringements, provisions, settled, rescind, notice, adjudicate, treaties, abide, obligations

1. According to the EU _____, the Commission may take legal action against an EU country that fails to implement EU law.
2. The Commission identifies possible _____ of EU law on the basis of its own investigations or following complaints from citizens.
3. The Commission sends a letter of formal _____ requesting further information to the country concerned.
4. If the Commission concludes that the country is failing to fulfil its _____ under EU law, it may send a formal request to _____ with EU law.
5. If an EU country fails to communicate measures that implement the _____ of a directive in time, the Commission may ask the Court of Justice to impose penalties.
6. The ICJ is a body designated to _____ disputes between countries and to interpret international law.
7. If the Court finds that a country has breached EU law, the national authorities must take action to _____ by the Court judgment.
8. However, most cases are _____ before being referred to the Court.
9. In some cases states still retain the right to _____ their commitments.

II. Match the words with their definitions.

1	tenure	a	an agreement etc. that must be obeyed and is enforceable
2	negligence	b	procedure for making a complaint
3	repudiate	c	an effort to do something, especially something new or difficult
4	abolish	d	done or said to prevent something from happening
5	binding	e	to disagree with something and reject it, say that it is not true
6	restrictive covenant	f	to order an end to the existence or use of something
7	proscribe	g	to officially get rid of a law, system, or practice
8	preemptive	h	a clause preventing somebody working in the same field for a certain amount of time
9	endeavour	i	the period during which someone is an elected official
10	grievance procedure	j	failure to be as careful as the law demands

III. Read the text below, then choose the best answer for each question.

Sell your story.

Hungary parliament rejects bill to block settlement of refugees¹

The Hungarian National Assembly [...] on Tuesday rejected a constitutional amendment proposed by Prime Minister Viktor Orban [...] to block the settlement of new refugees in Hungary. Orban's ruling Fidesz party [...] failed to attract [...] the two opposition votes necessary for a two-thirds majority vote in parliament. The bill sought to refuse an EU-set quota scheme that would relocate 1,294 refugees in Hungary. [...] Had the constitutional amendment passed, it would have blocked any future attempts by the EU to impose refugee quotas on Hungary.

In November the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) urged [...] the EU to better address Hungary's "sustained attack" on human rights and democracy since Prime Minister Viktor Orban took office in 2010. Upon the beginning of Orban's term, Hungary adopted a new constitution called the Fundamental Law [...], which has since been criticized for neglecting international human rights standards and fast-tracking political procedures in a manner that jeopardizes the country's separation of powers. [...] In 2013 the Hungarian government enacted constitutional amendments [...] after receiving criticism over its 2012 amendments. HRW and other human rights groups criticized [...] the changes as "largely cosmetic", highlighting a lack of resolve over issues surrounding weakened human rights protections in the country.

1. In 2016, the Hungarian National Assembly

- A. enacted a new legislation.
- B. repealed existing legislation.
- C. voted against introducing changes in legislation.
- D. agreed to review legislation.

2. The amendment stipulated the

- A. relocation of refugees in Hungary.
- B. review of the EU-set quota scheme.
- C. compliance with the EU-set quota scheme.
- D. breach of the EU-set quota scheme.

3. Upon the beginning of Orban's term, Hungary

- A. updated the constitution, improving international human rights standards.
- B. passed constitutional amendments that overlooked international human rights standards.
- C. repealed a bill that overlooked international human rights standards.
- D. adopted a law that was neglected by Human Rights Watch.

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4. The Hungarian 2012 amendments were

- A. hardly improved a year later in terms of human rights protections.
- B. drastically reviewed in 2013, following criticism expressed by Human Rights Watch.
- C. rejected due to their treatment of human rights.
- D. enforced in response to criticism received from Human Rights Watch.

5. The article

- A. commends Hungary's concession to comply with the EU norms.
- B. criticizes Hungary for its decision to block the settlement of refugees.
- C. reviews Hungary's failure to support Orban's bills.
- D. attacks Hungary's rejection of the latest proposal to amend its constitution.

IV. Use the words given in your own sentences, exemplifying their meanings.

defamation, damages, remuneration, transaction, termination

V. Complete the text with the missing verbs provided below.

*are scheduled, have made, will likely lead, granted, is going to be, had temporarily allowed, prevents,
has abandoned, are creating, has taken away, blocked, are trying, will be, overturned, are having,
have already been, abandons, are going to be, has been, took*

In a devastating decision that will reverberate for generations, the U.S. Supreme Court ¹ _____ its duty to protect fundamental rights and ² _____ Roe v. Wade, ruling there is no constitutional right to abortion. Today's decision—which ³ _____ nearly 50 years of precedent—marks the first time in history that the Supreme Court ⁴ _____ a fundamental right.

The Court's decision ⁵ _____ to half of U.S. states immediately taking action to ban abortion outright, forcing people to travel hundreds and thousands of miles to access abortion care or

to carry pregnancies against their will, a grave violation of their human rights.

Legal wrangling over abortions in Texas ⁶ _____ a further twist late Friday, after the state Supreme Court ⁷ _____ a lower court order that ⁸ _____ the procedures to resume.

The Texas Supreme Court in Austin ⁹ _____ an “emergency motion for temporary relief” requested by the state’s attorney general, Republican Ken Paxton, on Wednesday that ¹⁰ _____ a lower court order from taking effect.

On Tuesday, a judge in Harris County, Tex., granted a temporary order until at least July 12 — when arguments ¹¹ _____ — to allow clinics to offer abortions for at least two weeks without criminal prosecution.

Many states that restrict access to abortion also ¹² _____ to prevent medication abortion. Some states ¹³ _____ “safe havens” where people can travel to access an abortion legally. People ¹⁴ _____ traveling to states like Massachusetts from highly restrictive states.

International condemnation ¹⁵ _____ swift following the US Supreme Court’s decision to upend the constitutional protections for abortion contained in the landmark Roe v Wade ruling of 1973.

“All of the advances women ¹⁶ _____ in entering competitive fields like law, politics and business, going to graduate programs or additional years of schooling, I mean, that ¹⁷ _____ severely impacted,” Joffe says.

It’s too soon to tell what the economic fallout from the court’s decision ¹⁸ _____ months, or even years from now. But Ma’at fears the worst: “Women ¹⁹ _____ suffering needlessly because they ²⁰ _____ babies they didn’t choose to have or can’t afford.”

VI. Complete the table below, providing synonyms and antonyms of the words given.

Word	Synonym	Antonym
exacerbate		
stipulation		
confound		
curb		
adopt (a law)		
thus		
pursue		
albeit		
protracted		
integral		
notwithstanding		
jeopardize		