

## **Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift van Gemelee Gavino Hirang**

1. As cultural and other State-specific idiosyncrasies and preferences may render compliance mechanisms (i.e., reputation, reciprocity, and retaliation) ineffective, rules-based enforcement mechanisms still have a role to play to ensure the State parties' compliance with treaties and international agreements.
2. State parties' consent to a treaty is not a good indicator of their willingness to comply with the treaty regime's aims and obligations. The weak interest for compliance may be evidenced by the contracting parties' deliberate use of vague and general language in drafting the treaty's terms and obligations.
3. An increase in the incidence or number of non-tariff measures does not, by itself, evidence an increasing level of protection or even regulatory stringency in the imposing State. It may also reflect a social preference for increased regulatory quality in the face of globalization and increasing product heterogeneity.
4. Non-tariff measures in the form of subsidiary legislation, such as administrative rules and regulations, enable policymakers to be more responsive to industry preferences for protection.
5. The necessary first step in regional integration efforts which aim to reduce non-tariff barriers is an in-depth analysis of the effects, stringency, and degree of convergence of the non-tariff measures in the involved States.
6. The increasing popularity of cryptocurrencies highlights the need for national governments to regulate, and keep abreast of, emerging and non-traditional assets and markets.
7. Technological advances may facilitate the suppression of basic human rights by despotic governments.
8. A marriage is essentially a contractual relationship, under which the Parties are obligated to incur substantial sunk costs.
9. The international community's response to the Rohingya refugee crisis has been ineffective and insufficient.
10. The internet, its various applications, and social networks are increasingly being used as tools to violate the right to privacy.
11. Bruce Banner has 7 PhD degrees. This may explain why the Hulk is in a constant state of anger.