

# Monist and Dualist Legal Systems

**Monist system**  
e.g. France

One legal system comprising both international and domestic law, equally relevant and enforceable by domestic legal system

International law is binding **between** nation states and **within** the nation state

**Dualist system**  
e.g. Australia

Domestic law, enforceable and separate to international law

Selected articles incorporated into domestic law, enforceable by domestic legal system

International law, not enforceable and separate to domestic law

International law is binding **between** nation states but **not within** nation states unless incorporated into domestic law