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the security of the state so we must appreciate that the concept of prohibiting the extradition of political offenders is a recent development in international law.

Historically, there existed divergence of opinions as to whether a state was under a duty to extradite fugitives from justice to another state. Now, this finally gave rise to bilateral treaties for extradition between friendly states. Then, I also did observe, again, the reference to '*aut dedere aut jujicare*' – '*extradite or surrender*'. Now, I presume that all these procedures that are set out in the article, is subject to the procedures established by law that one, and that one recognizes the possibility that none of these procedures might bear fruit for good reason.

Now, the underlying principle in this cluster of articles appears to be the object of ensuring that crimes against the person, such as murder, slavery, piracy, and other crimes of a similar nature, are not left unpunished. The articles also provide for the extradition of persons who have committed such crimes, and for the extradition of persons who are suspected of having committed such crimes. The articles also provide for the extradition of persons who are wanted for extradition by another state.

