ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (III)
Characteristic features of its mechanisms

Product of the state practice. The legal regulation on enforcement is mainly found in the international treaties and in the resolutions of IOs

Reactive character: adopted after a prior wrongful act was committed

The coercive application is not punitive since it was not adopted for that purpose, but this is to make the offending State cease the act

Decentralized and preferential nature, as they arise from the state practice

Unilateral nature: countermeasures are taken by the injured State, although they are contained within the framework of a bilateral relation