Assessment of damages

The criteria to determine the damage to be compensated

• Art. 1223 ICC expressly lays down that damages must include both the actual damage (damnum emergens) as well as the lost gain (lucrum cessans)... "insofar as they are a direct and immediate consequence".

Pecuniary loss (*danno* patrimoniale) vs Non-pecuniary loss (*danno non patrimoniale*)

PECUNIARY LOSS Danno patrimoniale Art. 2043 ICC



NON-PECUNIARY LOSS Danno non patrimoniale Art. 2059 ICC



COVERS ANY ECONOMIC DAMAGE (DIFFERENZTHEORIE)



- DANNO MORALE SOGGETTIVO
- DANNO ESISTENZIALE

Different types of nonpecuniary loss

- **DANNO BIOLOGICO**: is intrinsic in the injury of the victims's personal integrity.
- DANNO MORALE (SOGGETTIVO): pain and suffering related to the harmful event: it refers to the "psychological suffering" of the injured person, to their "internal sphere".
- **DANNO ESISTENZIALE**: relates to the necessary change of the victim's everyday habits, as a consequence of the harmful event and therefore refers to the "external sphere".

Cass, Joint Session, 11 Novembre 2008, no 26972

"In cases of personal injury due to an unlawful act, besides pecuniary loss, the injured person is entitled to claim damages for non-pecuniary loss (danno non patrimoniale) as a unitary category".

Compensation in Petdeath cases