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Ecocide: A New Challenge for the International Criminal Law and for Humanity

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ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT: The present study develops the theme of ecocide, a recent approach to conducts that aim at natural environments, wiping out ecosystems, wildlife, changing climate and impacting indigenous peoples' lives in natural lands...

KEYWORDS

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KEYWORDS: Ecocide; Environment; Genocide; International Court of Justice; Organised Crime.

MAIN TEXT

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I. Introduction

The crime of genocide is already highly consolidated in international legal practice. It is already provided for in the Rome Statute, a document that creates and delimits the competence of the International Criminal Court; it has its own Convention.

International Environmental Law is also well-established, whose conferences, conventions and meetings are repeated from time to time to re-discuss targets for depollution, reduction of deforestation, eradication of fires, carbon footprint, carbon credits, among other matters of global urgency.

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...even with the movement, until recently, there was no clear definition of the concept of genocide.

II. The Doctrinal Concept of Ecocide and the War Crime Through the Destruction of the Environment of Art. 8 (2)(b)(iv) of the Rome Statute

In June 2021, twelve lawyers from around the world convened to form an Independent Expert Panel by the Stop Ecocide Foundation proposed a legal definition of ecocide, in order to guide an amendment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court....

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I. The Doctrinal Concept of Ecocide and the War Crime Through the Destruction of the Environment of Art. 8 (2)(b)(iv) of the Rome Statute

[Text]

A. Ecocide Within the Rome Statute's Wording

[Text]

1. Art. 8 under the Scope Lens

[Text]

ABBREVIATIONS

Number(s) = no. (nos.)
Paragraph = para. (paras.)
Point = pt.
Article = art.
Following (plural) = f. (ff.)
Note = nt.
Confer = cfr.
Idem = id.

FOOTNOTES

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... JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW 140 (2023), at 140-145.

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HERCH LAUTERPACHT, INTERNATIONAL LAW (1977).

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KEVIN HELLER, FRÉDÉRIC MÉGRET et al., THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (2020).

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LAUTERPACHT, supra note 7, at xxx.

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LAUTERPACHT, INTERNATIONAL LAW, supra note 7, at 20. [Book] Richmond, The Ad Hoc Tribunals, supra note 9, at 3. [Chapter in book or article in journal]
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 $^{^{10}}$ William A. Schabas, Nadia Bernaz, Routledge Handbook of International Criminal Law 10 (1st ed., 2011). 11 $\emph{Id}.$

¹² *Id.*, at 14.

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MICHEAL BOHLANDER, INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROCEDURES (2007), at. 14-45.

M. CHERIF BASSIOUNI, INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (2008).

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CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (M. Cherif Bassiouni ed., 1999)

[Editor]

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Sean Richmond, *The* Ad Hoc *Tribunals: Image, Origins, Pathways, Legacies*, in INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW IN CONTEXT (Philipp Krastner ed., 2018), at 120-160.

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Polly Higgins, Damien Short et al., Protecting the Planet: A Proposal for a Law of Ecocide, 59(3) CRIME, LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE 200 (2013), at 251.

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Cristina Orsini, *New Hopes for Justice in Libya?*, COALITION FOR THE ICC (June 6, 2023), www.coalitionfortheicc.org/news/20230606/new-hopes-justice-libya.

LEGAL ACTS & DOCUMENTS

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UNGA, Res. 76/185, Preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment (Jan. 11, 2021), para. 6.

CASELAW

Provide the name of the court, the name of the case parties, the id. number of the case, the chamber or section of the court, the type of the decision, the date of the decision between (brackets) and any additional information.

ICC, Mr Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman, ICC-02/05-01/20-982, Appeal Chamber, Judgment (June 28, 2023), para. 20.

QUOTES

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In the same vein, Arthur H. Westing, one of the pioneers in studies on the subject, asserted that "intent may not only be impossible to establish without admission but [...] I believe, it is essentially irrelevant".

Additionally, any quotation containing another quotation must use double quotation marks for the first and single quotation marks for the second.

The reporter stated that "when we proceeded to interview the Commissioner, he claimed they simply 'followed the procedure' and added nothing else".

LONG (TEXT)

The quotes will be rendered in a text of 11 size, with an intent of 1 cm, when the quote is longer than two lines. Omissions shall be rendered with the use of "[...]" too.

This provision punished the act of intentionally launching a military attack against a certain area, aware that

[...] such attack will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians or damage to civilian objects or widespread, long-term and severe damage [...] to the natural environment which would be clearly excessive in relation to the concrete and direct overall military advantage anticipated.

In these cases, a quotation containing another quotation will use double quotation marks only for the second.

According to the author

A well-informed public can contribute to guaranteeing "lasting respect for and the enforcement of international justice". The purpose of this contribution is to promote a better understanding of the International Criminal Court by providing answers to the most frequently asked questions about the Court.

FOOTNOTES

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...impossible not to consider this provision as the first international criminal norm of an environmental nature, since, among the legal interests protected by the norm, is the environment. There was, as seen *supra* (Section 3), a concern of the drafters of the statute for environmental protection.

Hyphen and "n" dash: author can make use or hyphen ("-") to join words or parts of words, and it's not interchangeable with the various dashes.

Although not always legally defined, the China-Russia political axes is well-understood...

This is valid for time periods too.

During the 1939-1945 time period...

Instead, "n" dash ("-") must be used for parenthetical elements.

Inter alia, since 2009, no testing for cosmetics purposes has been carried out in the EU - since 2005, the overall quality of animal transport has improved with the number of animals transported with injury or exhaustion significantly decreasing.

[or]

Inter alia – since 2009, and arguably before that – no testing for cosmetics purposes has been carried out in the EU.

Use of Italic: both in the text and footnotes. the use of the *Italic* style is requested for foreign words.

During the 1939-1945 time period, the existence of the *crimina juris gentium* became itself evident. It is similarly required for the caselaw.

...it has its own Convention, which is even recently being discussed in the case of *Ukraine v. Russia* at the International Court of Justice...

It is also allowed (rather than "double quotation marks") to put emphasis on some words.

Based on this concern, we will face in *this* essay the combination of the crime of genocide with environmental damage and the emergence of a new definition that takes shape every day: *ecocide as an international core crime*.