



War Crimes Accountability under International Criminal Law in Central African Republic: A Policy Analysis from an African Perspective

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Abstract

This article examines the implementation of international criminal law in Central African Republic (CAR), focusing on accountability for war crimes. A qualitative approach was employed through an examination of existing laws, international agreements, and case studies from CAR and its neighbors. The analysis revealed a significant disparity between the legislative framework and actual prosecution rates for war crimes in CAR, with only one successful conviction recorded over the past decade. While CAR has ratified key international instruments, practical implementation remains deficient due to resource constraints and political instability. Enhanced cooperation among regional states is recommended to bolster CAR's legal capacity. Additionally, improved funding for judicial systems could support more effective prosecution of war crimes.

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