



International Criminal Law and Accountability in War Crimes: An African Perspective on Equatorial Guinea

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Abstract

International Criminal Law (ICL) has emerged as a critical tool for addressing war crimes in Africa, particularly in contexts where state accountability is lacking. The study employs a comparative legal analysis approach, examining existing laws, judicial decisions, and international court rulings related to war crimes within Equatorial Guinea's legal framework. Findings indicate a significant gap in the implementation of ICL principles, with only one instance documented where allegations of war crimes were successfully prosecuted by domestic courts. While there is potential for enhanced accountability through strengthened legislation and judicial reform, current practices remain inadequate. Recommendations include advocating for legislative reforms to align Equatorial Guinea's legal system more closely with ICL standards, alongside fostering international cooperation in enforcing war crimes investigations.

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