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THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY

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ABSTRACT

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is that branch of Public International Law which regulates the conduct of war and seeks to mitigate the hardship occasioned by the outbreak of hostilities. The law limits the choice of the means and methods of warfare and also protect persons and objects that are not part of armed conflict. The International Criminal Court (ICC) was established in July 2002 as a permanent court to prosecute those who violate IHL. This article evaluated the history, establishment, structure and operation of ICC so as to distill the challenges facing the court. The consequence that flowed from this appraisal is that the ICC is faced with intricate problems and can do better if these hindrances are adequately addressed by the international community. Concrete recommendations have been made as a way of getting around these problems.

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