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Genocide is one of the most heinous abuses of human rights imaginable, yet reaction to it by European governments in the post-Cold War world has been criticised for not matching the severity of the crime. European governments rarely agree on whether to call a situation genocide, and their responses to purported genocides have often been limited to delivering humanitarian aid to victims and supporting prosecution of perpetrators in international criminal tribunals. More coercive measures – including sanctions or military intervention – are usually rejected as infeasible or unnecessary. This book explores the European approach to genocide, reviewing government attitudes towards the negotiation and ratification of the 1948 Genocide Convention and analysing responses to purported genocides since the end of the Second World War. Karen E. Smith considers why some European governments were hostile to the Genocide Convention and why European governments have been reluctant to use the term genocide to describe atrocities ever since.

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Abbreviations

AU	African Union
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
CDU	Christian Democratic Union (Germany)
CHR	Commission on Human Rights (of the United Nations)
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
CSU	Christian Social Union (Germany)
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations (United Nations)
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ECCC	Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (of the United Nations)
EU	European Union
FAC	Foreign Affairs Council (of the European Union)
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FDP	Free Democrats Party (Germany)
FMG	Federal Military Government (of Nigeria)
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
FRY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
GDR	German Democratic Republic
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IFOR	Implementation Force
INA	Irish National Archives
JEM	Justice and Equality Movement

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MP	Member of Parliament
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NIOD	Netherlands Institute for War Documentation
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
P5	five permanent members of the UN Security Council
PDS	Party of Democratic Socialism (Germany)
RPF	Rwandan Patriotic Front
RPR	Rassemblement pour la République (French political party)
SAA	Stabilisation and Association Agreement
SPD	Social Democratic Party (Germany)
SHZ	Safe Humanitarian Zone (in Rwanda)
SLM/A	Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army
SPLA	Sudan People's Liberation Army
UDF	Union des Démocrates pour la République (French political party)
UK	United Kingdom
UKNA	United Kingdom National Archives
UMP	Union pour un Mouvement Populaire (French political party)
UN	United Nations
UNAMID	United Nations African Mission in Darfur
UNAMIR	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WEOG	Western Europe and Other Group (at the United Nations)
WEU	Western European Union

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