

## THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International organizations are becoming increasingly powerful. Today, they affect the lives of individuals across the globe through their decisions and conduct. Consequently, international organizations are more capable of violating the human rights of individuals. But how can they be held to account for such violations?

This book studies the procedural mechanisms that may hold international organizations to account for their human rights violations. It establishes a general framework for identifying, analyzing, and assessing the accountability mechanisms of international organizations. This general framework is then applied to three distinct cases: the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy missions, refugee camp administration by the UNHCR, and detention by the International Criminal Court.

The overall conclusion is that none of the existing accountability mechanisms across the three cases fulfill the normative requirements set out in the general framework. However, there are significant variations between cases, and between different types of accountability mechanisms.

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## Abbreviations

ACHPR	African Charter of Human and People's Rights
AFSJ	Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (European Union)
AG	Advocate General
AHRLR	African Human Rights Law Reports
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASP	Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute
CAT	Convention Against Torture
CCO	Chief Custody Officer
CETS	Council of Europe Treaty Series
CFR	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy (European Union)
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CoE	Council of Europe
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSDP	Common Security and Defence Policy
CUP	Cambridge University Press
DARIO	Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations
DARS	Draft Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts
ECHR	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
EComHR	European Commission of Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEAS	European External Action Service
EPSO	European Personnel Selection Office
ESA	European Space Agency
EU	European Union

EUR	Euro (currency)
HRRP	Human Rights Review Panel (EULEX Kosovo)
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IGO	Inspector General's Office (UNHCR)
ILC	International Law Commission
ILO	International Labour Organisation
ILOAT	Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IO	International Organization
IOM	Independent Oversight Mechanism
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAS	Organization of American States
OIOS	Office of Independent Oversight Services (United Nations)
OJ	Official Journal (of the European Union)
OLAF	European Anti-Fraud Office
OPCON	Operational Control
OPLAN	Operation Plan
OUP	Oxford University Press
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PSC	Political and Security Committee of the Council (European Union)
RoC	Regulations of the Court (International Criminal Court)
RoR	Regulations of the Registry (International Criminal Court)
RPE	Rules of Procedure and Evidence (International Criminal Court)
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
SOMA	Status of Mission Agreement
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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UN	United Nations
UNAT	United Nations Appeals Tribunal
UNDT	United Nations Disputes Tribunal
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNMIK	United Nations Mission in Kosovo
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series

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