

The Right to Compensation for Victims of Armed Conflicts

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Abstract: *International humanitarian law ensures the protection and provision of assistance to the victims of armed conflicts. However, once individuals become the victim of violations of international humanitarian law, the protection offered by this body of law effectively ceases. In particular, the law on its face offers victims of serious violations of this law little or no means of obtaining compensation. International humanitarian law sharply contrasts on this point with tendencies in international law. The related but separate body of human rights law clearly articulates a legal right to a compensation for violations of fundamental rights. Most recently, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court authorizes the Court to determine any damage, loss or injury to victims and provide reparations to them. Humanitarian law, however, does not expressly guarantee victims of violations of the law any right to a legal compensation. This paper examines the legal ways and means currently available under international law to victims of violations of international humanitarian law to have their primary rights respected. It explores the question of whether victims have the right to compensation and the extent to which this right can be enforced, if at all. On the basis of a brief survey of international practice, it will be argued that while there is little doubt that victims enjoy rights under international humanitarian law, their rights do not appear to be justiciable and as such difficult to transform in a right to a compensation*

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I. Introduction

International humanitarian law (“IHL”) has never been confined to the level of relations between States.¹ In opposition to this, the 19th Century Convention’s initiators assumed that people had consecrated the right during the war.² However, the affirmation of right is not linked with the privilege of ensuring the right. Therefore, it is necessary for States to take into account the victims of infringement of IHL to Compensation. Indeed, helpful law arrangements seldom seek reasons for activity including movement for victims in national or international law., In this regard, IHL shows differently in connection to affinities in worldwide law. Although the Global Law Commission’s Articles on State Responsibility were finally received in 2001,³ but fail to attention to the privilege of individuals in the organization of auxiliary rights.⁴

It is deeply understood that HR courses of action give a cure, procedural as well as substantive to people encountering harm with unlawful behaviour by State powers. Case in point, the 13th Article of European Convention on HR affirms that people whose right as put forward in that Convention are ignored ought to have “a fruitful cure before a domestic force”. Additionally, the 50th Article of European Convention on HR charges the European Court of HR for dealing with the expense of just satisfaction to victims. In addition, HR treaties accommodate particular provisions of compensation for victims of unlawful capture or detainment.⁵ The Rome Statute of the Global Criminal Court ⁶also approves that the Court should focus on any damage or loss to victims and gives compensation to them.

While the punishment of individuals for war crimes has received much greater attention over the past decade, shifting some inter-State aspects of IHL to individual criminal responsibility, the position of the victims of these crimes has not been equally addressed. Indeed, their right and diversion received less attention. Yet, a change and compensation for victims of infringement of IHL is considered as a basic enthusiasm of value. It is the fact that the importance of right under IHL becomes less significant if victims are not legitimated to execute

¹Swinarsk Christophe, *Studies and Essays in International Humanitarian Law and Red Cross Principles in Honour of Jean Pictet*. Martinus Nijhoff (Geneva: ICRC, 1984), 269, <http://www.amazon.com/Studies-Essays-International-Humanitarian-Principles/dp/9024730791>

²Pictet Jean, *Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War* (Geneva: International Committee of the Red Cross, 1994), 77

³General Assembly, “International Law Commission Articles On Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, Adopted On Second Reading by the International Law Commission (ILC) at Its 53rd Session” (UN Doc. A/CN.4/L.569, 9 August 2001, New York, 2001).

⁴James Crawford, *The International Law Commission’s Articles On State Responsibility* (Cambridge: Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), 201.

⁵Art. 5(9) of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights of 1969.

⁶UN doc. A/CONF.183/9, Art. 75, Of 17 July 1998.

their rights under a national or international law., As Lord Denning pointed out: " "a right without a remedy is no right at all".⁷

The UNHR Commission has perceived the distractions of victims of IHL infringement. The "Crucial Guidelines as well as Principles on the Right to a Compensation and Remedy for Victims of Violations of Global HR and IHL" grasped by the UNHR Commission at its session 56 in 2000⁸ which expects to give victims of infringement of HR and IHL a privilege to a cure.⁹

This privilege access to value and compensation for evil and accesses to genuine information regarding the infringement. It perceives five sorts of compensation: compensation, compensation, rebuilding, satisfaction, and guarantees of non-repetition.¹⁰

The above Principles of the UN have been guaranteed by different activities. In 1998, the Hague Appeal for Peace and Justice for the 21st Century in the Hague Agenda for Peace and Justice described the use of IHL as its overriding point and made a recommendation: "The Hague Appeal will promote changes in the change and execution of the laws in IHL and in HR Law, remembering the finished objective to close fundamental openings in security and to fit these key regions in Global law ".¹¹ In 2003, to develop these exercises, the Amsterdam Centre for Global Law of Amsterdam University and the Institute of HR of the University of Utrecht in Netherlands established two expert social affairs for discussing the necessity and plausibility of the latest processes that give response to victims of infringement of IHL. The meeting in May, 2003 discussed whether prevailing worldwide instruments can give victims of infringement of IHL a cure and compensation. For the revelations, the ensuring meeting in October, 2003 changed options to fill fissure in the existing strategies or for the development of new systems. Taking into account everything, the International Law Association (ILA) provided an assignment on "reparation for the war victims".¹² Taking note that regular folks are left without cure that they are executed, injured, endure property or different loss, the task points out "to proficiently analyse the law of HR and war with a viewpoint focusing on the privileges of war victims to remuneration". The suggested endeavour has its main focus including the compensation and choice of a Draft Declaration of Global Law Principles on Compensation to War victims.¹³

In contrast to the above recommendations, the current study focuses on the legitimate methods and options under private and global law to victims of infringement of IHL to have their crucial right respected.¹⁴ It studies the possibility of victims having privilege to a cure and the limit to which the right can be approved based on those methods. National and worldwide practice should be investigated because; very few vulnerability victims acknowledge the right under IHL. Their right is not justiciable and difficult to change into a privilege to a cure or compensation.

II. The Concept Of "Victim"

The privilege to a cure presupposes a casualty whose vital right has been neglected. To gain deep insights into the issue of cure, the concept "casualty" under IHL should be clarified. Although the term itself is neglected in the Conventions in Geneva or other helpful law settlements, victims are the main subject of IHL.¹⁵ Those victims may be later characterized as people who are influenced by armed clashes; therefore, they are defined as "victims of war. This definition potentially refers to an entire population that has been caught up in an armed conflict. Nevertheless; the event of the equipped clash as being what is demonstrated falls exterior of the degree of IHL. This law does not manage the legal or illegal nature of the conflict. As such, war victims have no personal right to get peaceful under IHL. This indicated that victims of war have no right Thus,

⁷Rosalyn, Higgins. "The role of domestic courts in the enforcement of international human rights: The United Kingdom." *INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS* 49 (1997): 38.

⁸E/CN.4/2000/62, 18 January 2000.

⁹University of Minnesota Human Right Library, "Basic Principles and Guidelines On the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law, Principle 11.," <https://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/res60-147.html> (accessed November 10, 2015)

¹⁰Ibid. Principle 21.

¹¹Recommendation 13, The Agenda for Peace, UN Doc. A/54/98.

¹²Liesbeth, Zegveld. "Remedies for victims of violations of international humanitarian law." *Revue internationale de la Croix-Rouge/International Review of the Red Cross* 85.851 (2003): 85. https://www.icrc.org/eng/assets/files/other/irrc_851_zegveld.pdf

¹³This is considered to be a logical sequel to three ILA declarations already adopted, namely on Mass Expulsion (Seoul, 1986), Compensation to Refugees (Cairo, 1992), and Internally Displaced Persons (London, 2000). Underlying all these declarations is the principle that compensation must, under international law, be paid to victims of human rights abuses."

¹⁴Kleffner, Jann K., and Liesbeth Zegveld "Establishing an individual complaints procedure for violations of international humanitarian law." *Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law* 3 (2000): 384-401.

¹⁵The word "victim" does, however, appear in the title of the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949: Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts, 8 June 1977 (hereinafter "Additional Protocol I") and Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts, 8 June 1977 (hereinafter "Additional Protocol II")."

undoubtedly, the primary goal IHL is to protect war victims.¹⁶ Fighting against that infringement of the privilege to security including a case to compensation is challenging because a casualty is a person influenced by the armed clash.¹⁷ Netherlands' Supreme Court made clear that for the right's beneficiaries to security, contemplation, for instance, there is no legitimate cure and compensation. In a judgment on the 29th November, 2002, the Supreme Court stated that norms of IHL do not guarantee persons against weight and strain after the impact of strikes and do not secure persons whose standards have been ignored.¹⁸ Hence, the precepts of IHL are constrained to the individuals who are IHL infringement's victims.

The broader class of war victims is perceived in a perfect world with a smaller characterization including victims of infringement of IHL, i.e. People who are armed by such infringement. This order of victims is described by the legal confinements set aside by IHL in war, whereas the main objective of IHL is to guarantee war victims; It is silent on this second category of victims of IHL violations. The IHL organization concentrates on people to be guaranteed against war dangers, keeping aside the theme of movement obliged when security misfires.

Right to a Remedy Principle of the UN relied upon filling this hole, focusing on victims of infringement of IHL. They define a victim in the following terms: "A person is 'a victim' where, as a result of acts or omissions that constitute a violation of international human rights or humanitarian law norms, that person, individually or collectively, suffered harm, including physical or mental injury, emotional suffering, economic loss, or impairment of that person's fundamental legal rights."¹⁹

III. The Victim's Rights

Global HR settlements and instruments stated that victims of global wrongdoings have the right to find powerful solutions to the violations of their rights.²⁰ Right to a Remedy and Compensation's fundamental Principles and Guidelines state that the term 'victim' incorporates the individuals who have separately or aggregately endured damage, and may incorporate the quick family or respondents of the immediate victim, and persons who have endured harm in mediating to help victims in distress. Avoid or prevent being victimized.²¹ Regarding criminal procedures, the remaining of victims to seek compensation which was restricted to the residential circle.²² In any case, the Rome Statute of the Global Criminal Court perceives that victims of unlawful acts under the Court's purview may seek compensation and permits the Court to make arrangement straightforwardly against a sentenced individual to give compensations to them.²³

At the outset, the treatment which IHL prescribed to be accorded to protected persons was not presented, nor indeed clearly conceived, as constituting a body of "rights" to which they were entitled. The helpful law standards were all things considered grasped as related to States versus one another and are typically worded similarly as restricted material to the social events to strife. Then, in 1929, the rule of rights was precisely characterized, and thus "right" was used in provision of the Prisoners of War Convention in 1929.²⁴ Likewise, in the Geneva Conventions in 1949, the vicinity of rights presented on guaranteed persons was unequivocally verified.²⁵

An observational examination concerning these Conventions indicates that different models insinuate expressly to thoughts such as "rights", "entitlements" or "benefits".

In the context of international conflicts, Article 78 of the Third Geneva Convention serves as an example. It gives prisoners of war the right to make known their requests regarding the conditions of captivity to which they are subjected and to complain about such conditions. Similarly, Article 30 of the Fourth Geneva Convention provides all protected persons with the right to file a complaint with the Protecting Powers, the ICRC and the National Red Cross about an infringement of the Convention. These and other provisions create rights of individuals or presuppose the existence of rights.²⁶

¹⁶ Geneva conventions

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Ibid, Principle 8, UN Principles on the Right to a Remedy.

²⁰ Ibid. Principle. 4.

²¹ Ibid. Principle.8

²² Reparations proceedings are common in civil law countries where claims for damages may be attached to criminal prosecutions. In common law countries, it is more typical for claims for damages to be sought separately through civil courts. '.

²³ Article.75(2).Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, UN Doc. A/Conf. 183/9th of 17 July 1998, entry into force 1 July 2002.

²⁴ Articles 42 and 62, Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 27 July 1929.

²⁵ Articles 7 and 8 common to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

²⁶ Article 7 of the Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of 12 August 1949 (First Geneva Convention); Articles 6 and 7 of the Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea of 12 August 1949 (Second Geneva Convention); Articles 7, 14, 84, 105 and 130 of the Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949 (Third Geneva Convention); Articles 5, 7, 8, 27, 38, 80 and 146 of the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 (Fourth Geneva Convention); Articles 44(5), 45(3), 75 and 85(4) of 1977 Additional Protocol I; and Article 6(2) of 1977 Additional Protocol II.

IV. Right To A Compensation

A question different from, albeit related to, the notion of “rights” is whether these rights can also provide the basis for individual claims brought by victims of violations of them.. Victims of philanthropic law infringement’s position ought to finally be assessed on the reason of their privilege to case Compensation, which joins procedural point of confinement, i.e. their ability to go straightforwardly themselves to a national or worldwide agency to ensure Compensation. Diplomatic Conference in 1949 stated:

“It is not enough to grant rights to protected persons and to lay responsibilities on the States; protected persons must also be furnished with the support they require to obtain their rights; they would otherwise be helpless from a legal point of view in relation to the Power in whose hands they are.”²⁷

Support for the announcement that right gives the reason to attest brought infringement victims of these rights could clearly be seen in the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 with respect to the customs as well as laws of War, which states:

“a belligerent party which violates the provisions of the said Regulations shall, if the case demands, be liable to compensation. It shall be responsible for all acts committed by persons forming part of its armed forces.”

The 91st Article of the Additional Protocol I consists of guideline similar to Article 3 of 1907,²⁸ the substance of which is generally recognized as a standard Global law.²⁹

The danger of social events to a dispute to compensation for infringement of IHL put together by persons encircling bit of their military could involve a promise to reimburse States and personnel victims.³⁰ The duties of States and other warring get-togethers under IHL could be translated as reflected by victims' rights for which IHL imagines a reason for movement in case they are manhandled. A couple of masters have taken the point of view that inspiration driving the article has been to present the right directly for people.³¹

According to Kalshoven,³² "Compensation" should be grasped as implying mainly to individuals as recipients of the rule. Likewise,³³ right to a Remedy Principles of the UN considers the supposition that infringement of IHL offers compensation to victims.

While the 3rd Article of the 1907 Convention, 91st Article of Protocol I as well as standard law evidently present rights upon individuals on the occasion of an infringement, including a privilege to remuneration, the request emerges whether an individual can pronounce his/her privilege against the State or the wrongdoer. Article 3 of the 1907 Convention and Article 91 Protocol I are calm in such way, surrendering it to standard worldwide or nearby law to engage worldwide agencies or family unit courts to offer effects to one side. A rough outline of the open practice indicates that the fundamental right in IHL less interprets the discretionary right as a result of their break. Victims of infringement of IHL scarcely ensure compensation via domestic courts because of the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 or distinctive provisions. At the worldwide level, more channels are accessible to victims to claim remuneration. In any case, a general cure does not exist.

V. General Rules For Compensation

It is a general standard of open global law that any wrongful demonstration — i.e. any violations of a commitment under global law — offers ascend to a commitment to make compensation.³⁴

1. The point of compensation is to take out beyond what it is possible to consider the outcomes of the illicit demonstration and to restore the circumstance that would have existed if the demonstration had not been conferred. Compensation can take various structures, including compensation, compensation or fulfilment. These cures can be connected either separately or in combination because of specific violations.³⁵
2. The point of compensation is to restore the circumstance that existed before the wrongful demonstration was submitted. Cases incorporate the arrival of wrongly kept persons, the arrival of wrongly seized property and the renouncement of an unlawful legal measure.³⁶

²⁷ Article 30 of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

²⁸F Kalshoven, Article 3 of the Convention (IV), Respecting the Laws and Customs of War On Land (Tokyo: Nippon Hyoron-sha Co, 1999), 37.

²⁹ Ibid

³⁰ Ibid

³¹ Ibid , p.33

³² Ibid

³³ Ibid. p. 39.

³⁴General Assembly. the International Law Commission, “Article 1 of the Articles On the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts Adopted by the International Law Commission” (extract from the Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its Fifty-third session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth session, Supplement No. 10 (A/56/10), chp.IV.E.2), New York, 26 July 2001).

³⁵Articles 31 to 34 ILC Articles on State Responsibility.

³⁶ Ibid, Article. 35

3. There may clearly be circumstances in which compensation is really inconceivable, for instance if the property is referred to having been pulverized. Likewise, compensation might likewise not be a suitable cure if the advantage to be picked up from it by the victims who are entirely unbalanced to its expense to the violator. Compensation is a sum of money related to instalment for monetarily assessable damage emerging from the violations. It also covers material damage.³⁷

Fulfilment covers non-material damage that adds up to an attack against the damaged State or individual. Illustrations incorporate an affirmation of the break, a statement of disappointment or an official expression of remorse or certifications of non-reiteration of the violations. Similarly, fulfilment can incorporate the endeavour of disciplinary or corrective activity against the persons whose demonstrations brought about the wrongful demonstration.³⁸

VI. Compensation In International Humanitarian Law

In terms of IHL, there are situations where a privilege to change for an individual is found in worldwide arrangements or worldwide resolutions. It is faulty that Article 3 of the Hague Convention (IV) of 1907³⁹ gives individuals a privilege to compensation by a virtue of infringement of the law of war vis-vis to the State responsible for such infringement.⁴⁰ It is precise that when insinuating the preparatory work of the custom, Kalshoven found that the 3rd Article of the 1907 4th Hague Convention was expected to be an individual right to compensation.⁴¹

A similar provision is to be found in Article 91 of the Additional Protocol I,⁴² which provides for compensation in cases of violations of the Geneva Conventions of 1949⁴³ or of Additional Protocol I. Compensation cannot only be sought from States, but from all armed forces which are a party to the armed conflict.

An Administrative Court of Appeal in Germany certified this comprehension of the 4th Article of the 1907 Hague Convention held in 1952 that the standard obliges an individual right to compensation.⁴⁴ The same choice was made by a court in Greece in the first event of the Distomo case, where it provided the surviving wards of the 1944 German butcher in Distomoheld right to declaration for compensation.⁴⁵ Interestingly, the Federal Supreme Court of Germany found, in the same case that at the time of World War, the personnel was not directly secured by worldwide law and it gave no privilege to reparation.⁴⁶ The Federal Constitutional Court of Germany provided the results as for 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907. Then again, it was recognized that individuals acknowledge the right under IHL.⁴⁷ Moreover, Japanese courts expected to oversee cases developing out of the Second World War, particularly out of the comfort's predetermination "women".⁴⁸ The High Court in Tokyo stated that "the 3rd Article of the Hague Convention got to be interpreted, from its wording itself, to give State commitment between States, not personnel rights for reparation".⁴⁹ The individual harm should be taken into considerations as one of the States to which the personnel has a spot.⁵⁰ Furthermore, in Hwang GeumJoo vs. Japan, the "comfort women" brought their case for compensation before the United States' courts. The case is so far pending and, with that effort, the issue of remuneration has no tendency as the beginning common contention is whether the US courts have area over the case. In particular cases,⁵¹ the US courts confirmed that the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 is not self-executing. In this way, the individual could not build its case regarding the provisions of the Convention.⁵² Most of family unit courts do not perceive an individual right to remuneration under the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 and the 91st Article of the Additional Protocol I. The debates are given by any stretch of the imagination

³⁷ Ibid, Article. 36

³⁸ Ibid, Article. 37

³⁹ Article.3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

⁴⁰ Ibid, Fritz p. 827

⁴¹ Ibid, N.41,827

⁴² Article, 91. Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,

⁴³ Article, 32. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, (75 U.N.T.S. 31, entered into force Oct. 21, 1950.)

<https://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/y1gcacws.htm>

⁴⁴ Article. 3. Hague Convention (IV) of 1907,

⁴⁵ Ibid

⁴⁶ Sabine Pittrof, "Compensation Claims for Human Rights Breaches Committed by German Armed Forces Abroad During the Second World War: Federal Court of Justice Hands Down Decision in the Distomo Case," [https://www.germanlawjournal.com/pdfs/Vol05No01/PDF_5_no_1_\(2003\):_15](https://www.germanlawjournal.com/pdfs/Vol05No01/PDF_5_no_1_(2003):_15).

⁴⁷ Ibid

⁴⁸ Masahiro Igarashi, Post-War Compensation Cases, Japanese Courts and International Law, Japanese AIL (2000), 45

⁴⁹ Port, Kenneth L. "The Spirit of Japanese Law." Washington University Global Studies Law Review 1.1 (2002): 573

⁵⁰ Ibid. 543

⁵¹ David P. Stewart, "The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act: A Guide for Judges,

[http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/fsiaguide2013.pdf/\\$file/fsiaguide2013.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/fsiaguide2013.pdf/$file/fsiaguide2013.pdf)

⁵² ICRC, "United States of America Practice Relating to Rule 150. Reparation," https://www.icrc.org/customary-ihl/eng/docs/v2_cou_us_rule150_sectionb.

alluring. A couple courts seldom perceive that there are individual rights under IHL by any stretch of the creative ability.⁵³ Such a conflict is unequivocally tested by other family courts and cannot be kept up.⁵⁴ The individual is the bearer of right under IHL as the States are ensuring their citizens' rights, and the States cannot revise or remove personnel rights.⁵⁵ To deny an individual right to compensation, the High Court in Tokyo insinuates that there is no methodology under which the personnel could rehearse his/her right.⁵⁶ This reason cannot be substantiated, then again, as the introduction of a right must be isolated from the procedural capacity for executing it. In this view, worldwide law remains independent of the procedural capacity to approve it under worldwide law. It might be attainable for individuals to hone their rights without worldwide strategies inconsideration's of a national court.⁵⁷

The comprehension of the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 as a personnel right to compensation is assured by the Fundamental Principles and Guidelines.⁵⁸ In Paragraph 1 of its Preamble it was named the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 and the 91st Article of the Additional Protocol I as provisions giving a privilege to an answer for victims of infringement of IHL. The report of the Global Commission of Inquiry on Darfur states that compensation little respect to the likelihood that the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 was at first not anticipated that would compensation for individuals; it indicated that the advancement of HR in worldwide law has balanced the thought of State commitment.⁵⁹ In the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 and Additional Protocol I, there are moreover resolutions and peace settlements including provisions for compensation for victims of an equipped clash. Outlines are the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC)⁶⁰ and the Eritrea–Ethiopia Claims Commission (EECC),⁶¹ which offer audit to individuals. The UNCC rules upon cases occur as a result of Iraq's unlawful interruption and the control of Kuwait.⁶² Victims of the conflict fit the bill for survey for Iraq's infringement of the law of war. Interestingly, the EECC, which was presented by the Agreement of Peace amidst Eritrea and Ethiopia in 2000, has ward over cases for wounds as an eventual outcome of infringement of IHL, the law of war.⁶³

It is the individual who is the different transporter straightforwardly under the measures of the UNCC⁶⁴ and the EECC and, the State gets benefits from individual before the commissions.

It cannot fought that the States perceived the optional security for their citizens before commissions as the States are agents for personnel's who are not their citizens but still live in the States' area.⁶⁵ For the UNCC, under the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure, the wording of Article 5 (1) (a) consider the personnel as the transport of a privilege before the UNCC as the "Government may give claims for the advantage of its citizens".⁶⁶ Furthermore, claims archived by States must be joined by the solitary's stamp whose case is secured.⁶⁷ The States need to ensure the individual applicant that any harm paid will be scattered to them if the case is productive.⁶⁸ The State's status as specialists for the personnel is admitted by Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure's⁶⁹ Article 5(3), as per which an endeavour or other private legitimate substance may even itself put forth a defence to the commission if the State of its combination or affiliation fails to do as being what is indicated. Individuals do not necessarily have to be represented by a State, as Article 5(2) of the Rules states that an appropriate person, of the Rules communicates that a fitting individual, power or body ought to be

⁵³ Ibid. Port, Kenneth L. 143.

⁵⁴ElkeSchwager, "The Right to Compensation for Victims of an Armed Conflict," *Chinese Journal of International Law* 4 (2005): 417-439, <http://chinesejil.oxfordjournals.org/content/4/2/417.full>

⁵⁵ Ibid

⁵⁶Ibid.

⁵⁷Ibid

⁵⁸Article 3 of the Hague Convention of 18 October 1907 concerning the Laws and Customs of War and Land (Convention No. IV of 1907), Article 91 of Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 .

⁵⁹Report of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur to the United Nations Secretary-General pursuant to SC Res. 1564, 25 January 2005, paras 593 et seq.

⁶⁰UN Security Council .Resolution. 692 (20 May 1991).

<http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/WMP%20S%20RES%20692.pdf>.

⁶¹ Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the State of Eritrea of 12 December 2000,

⁶²UN Sec. Res. 687 (8 April 1991), para. 16: "Reaffirms that Iraq . . . is liable under international law for any direct loss, damage, including environmental damage and the depletion of natural resources, or injury to foreign Governments, nationals and corporations, as a result of Iraq's unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait."

⁶³ Ibid, Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the State of Eritrea of 12 December 2000.

⁶⁴ John R. Crook, *Is Iraq Entitled to Judicial Due Process? the United Nations Compensation (USA: Hart pu, 2004)*

⁶⁵Article. 5(1);(2002)UNCC Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure, <http://www.uncc.ch/decisions-governing-council>

⁶⁶UN Doc. S/AC.26/Dec.10 (26 June 1992).UN Doc. S/AC.26/Dec.10 (26 June 1992).<http://www.uncc.ch/sites/default/files/attachments/S-AC.26-DEC%2010%20%5B1992%5D.pdf>

⁶⁷UN Doc. S/AC.26/Dec.1 (2 August 1991), para. 19.

⁶⁸UN Doc. S/AC.26/Dec.18 (24 March 1994).

⁶⁹ UN Doc. S/AC.26/Dec.10 (26 June 1992).

chosen to submit claims for the advantage of personnel's who are not in a situation to have their cases assembled by their organization.

Regarding EECC, Article 5(8) and (9) and their wordings in the Peace Agreement of the Rules of Procedure⁷⁰ and of Decision Number 5,⁷¹ indicated that the State when ensuring for a misfortune continued by an individual, is not summoning its own particular right, but taking the individual's advantage. In its Partial Award of December 17th 2004, the EECC avowed this portrayal by a choice that claims brought by Eritrea isolated advantage for non-citizens outside the district of the Commission. These cases should have been made for the general population's advantage themselves as "the case remains the solitary's property and that any inescapable recovery of harms should gather to that person".⁷²

In this regard, a match for individuals to get compensation in the occasion of an infringement of worldwide law is seen in a Security Council Resolution and a peace course of action. Then, although Resolution 687 setting up the UNCC underlines the way that "Iraq is subject under worldwide law", it has all of the earmarks of being tough to see the Resolution as a certification of a present right to compensation for personnel's under worldwide law. Iraq is committed in perspective of its unlawful assault and control of Kuwait. The law of war manhandled by Iraq has no a plan of rules consisting of personnel right; it guarantees the local dependability of States. The commitment of Iraq for its infringement of the law of war is established under worldwide law; nevertheless, to the degree there is a privilege of individuals to case remuneration, it has a right given to the general population by the Resolution itself. For the EECC, the document ignored the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 the 91st Article of the Additional Protocol I, the general gauges of State commitment; they gave no diverse disputes for the vicinity of such a privilege. It is unclear whether the Agreement of Peace amidst Eritrea and Ethiopia insists on a present individual right to compensation under worldwide law, or whether it hopes to establish such a privilege by the Peace Treaty itself. In any case, as there is a State responsibility to modify victims of infringement of IHL under the 3rd Article of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907, it is possible that the Peace Treaty was done in attainment of this dedication.\

VII. The Compensation And The International Criminal Court

As the Preamble of its Statute the International Criminal Court (ICC) was made due to the path that 'in the midst of this century countless, women and men have been victims of incredible giants that significantly shock the still, little voice of mankind'. In this way, victims of these anathemas are 'central to the considered worldwide criminal justice'.⁷³

The Compensation of organization for the ICC is established in articles 75 and 79 of the Rome Statute and in Rules 94 to 99 of the Rules of Evidence and Procedure (the Rules). Workmanship. 75 as the essential procurement states:

1. The Court may develop measures related to Compensations or profound respect of, victims including remuneration, compensation and reclamation. For this reason, the Court may requestor may be in solitude development in surprising circumstances, centre the augmentation and level of any harm, misfortune and harm , or in appreciation of victims and will express the models on which it is acting.
2. The Court may make a solicitation clearly against a prosecuted individual demonstrating suitable compensations to victims including compensation, remuneration and recuperation. When fitting, the Court may mastermind that the award for Compensations is done via the Trust Fund fit the 79th article.
3. Before preparing a solicitation under this article, a note of representations may be made and welcomed by the court with a legitimate concern for the sentenced individual, victims, other armed persons or captivated States.

The Statute endorses the Court to concentrate any harm, misfortune or harm to victims and solicitation compensations to them. Regardless, a reference joined the last report of the Working Group on Procedural Matters of the Rome Conference shows that the guidelines for compensation should be charged by making worldwide standards on compensation, particularly the UN Principles on a Right to Remedy.⁷⁴ According to Rule 97 of the Rules, the Court can assign authorities to help it in choosing the degree and level of harms. The Court ought to welcome victims and the sentenced individual to say target truths. The capacity to give Compensation will be polished in the full propriety of the Court.

⁷⁰ Won Kidane, "Civil Liability for Violations of International Humanitarian Law: The Jurisprudence of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Claims Tribunal in the Hague," Seattle University School of Law Digital Commons, <http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?articles.23-24>

⁷¹ Ibid

⁷² Ibid 15, 16, 23 and 27–32, para. 19.

⁷³ Antonio Caesius. "The Statute of the International Criminal Court: some preliminary reflections." *European Journal of International Law* 10.1 (1999): 144-171. <http://ejil.org/pdfs/10/1/570.pdf>

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According to Art.75 (2), the Court can make a compensation to ask for against the arraigned individual, particularly. Such requirement of compensation against individuals is a peculiarity before worldwide criminal courts, and the future will demonstrate how the ICC will use its vitality.

The Rome Statute is stated in craftsmanship. 57 (3)(e) and 93 (1)(k) that the Court can ask for that states parties⁷⁵take guarded measures in sort of recognizing, after setting and seizure of process with property and assets with the deciding objective of ensuing surrender. Interim measures for genuine compensations in sort of sincere money related or restorative sponsorship have been proposed in the midst of the Statute's exchanges; however, they have not been asserted.

The compensation paid by the arraigned individual should be offered, particularly to the casualty. However, the Court can use the Trust Fund as a centre individual to trade Compensations to the beneficiary.⁷⁶The Court can mastermind that a stipend for Compensation ought to be spared with the Trust Fund if it is endless or impracticable to make individual respect c each victim.⁷⁷

Rule 97 of the Rules states that the Court may award Compensations on an individual basis or, where it deems it appropriate, on a collective basis. Regarding the actual cases before the ICC and the numbers of victims, collective awards will be the more appropriate measure.

As shown in Rule 94 of the Rules, victims can request compensation to make, archive with the recorder. The ICC has made separate application outlines which are open at its site.

The path in which States will approve the compensation solicitation of the ICC depends on their strategy.

VIII. Conclusion

Victims of an armed conflict suffer from violations of their rights under human rights law and international humanitarian law. Whilst a right to compensation for victims of human rights violations is established in international treaties and generally recognized by States, States are reluctant to recognize such a right for victims of violations of international humanitarian law, even though a right to compensation can be found in Article 3 of the Hague Convention (IV) of 1907 and Article 91 of the Additional Protocol I. Furthermore, it is possible and logical to construct a general right to compensation for victims of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law according to the principles of State responsibility. Such a right is independent from its explicit acknowledgement in international treaties or resolutions. The recognition of such a general right to compensation for individuals can be found in the recent opinion of the ICJ on the Palestinian Wall. However, while the theory of international public law allows and demands the construction of such a right, the practice of the States is very rarely oriented by theoretical thoughts. Individual rights to compensation may also arise under domestic law, which is applicable in times of an armed conflict. The compensation of all victims of violations of international humanitarian and human rights law in an armed conflict is an important issue.

Beside the obvious monetary implications and help for the individual, it implies the recognition of the harm done to them and the establishment of responsibilities. Further, a right to compensation strengthens the norms of international humanitarian and human rights law and their enforcement, and might prevent future violations. As an armed conflict typically leads to a situation of mass violations, limited financial resources of the debtor can be taken into account when considering the amount of the compensation due. States should therefore make their courts available for the recognition of claims for compensation filed by victims of an armed conflict.

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