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Series Editors' Preface

The International Courts and Tribunals series welcomes this debut opus of Philippa Webb. Originally written as a doctoral dissertation for Yale Law School, Webb's work caps more than a decade of academic debate over whether the increased number and diversity in international adjudicative bodies, operating without formal rules governing the relationships between them and in the absence of an ultimate court of appeal to tie them all together, poses a threat to the postulated unity of international law.

The late Jonathan Charney tackled the question at the end of the 1990s, at the beginning of the multiplication of international courts and tribunals. His answer was a resounding no, but what Charney lacked was enough empirical evidence to substantiate what was essentially a correct intuition. Since Charney, the role played by international courts in causing or countering the fragmentation of international law has become a classical theme of international adjudication scholarship.

Webb's work focuses on four international courts (ICJ, ICC, ICTY, and ICTR) to discuss how they have tackled, each from the perspective of its own cases and jurisdiction, three related issues: genocide, immunities, and use of force. Unsurprisingly, she finds a good degree of convergence between these four bodies on these topics, but her real contribution to the field is the identification of the factors that influence the degree of integration or fragmentation among adjudicative bodies.

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¹ Jonathan I Charney, 'Is International Law Threatened by Multiple International Tribunals?' (1998) 271 Recueil des Cours 101, 117.



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The views expressed in this book are my own and do not necessarily represent those of the International Court of Justice or the International Criminal Court. The relevant case law is up to date as of October 2012 unless otherwise indicated.

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List of Acronyms

ADF Allied Democratic Forces ASP Assembly of States Parties

DRC Democratic Republic of the Congo

ECCC Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of

Cambodia

ECJ European Court of Justice

ECtHR European Court of Human Rights EECC Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission

EU European Union

FNI Front Nationaliste et Intégrationniste
FPLC Forces Armées pour la Libération du Congo
FRPI Force de Resistance Patriotique en Ituri

FRY Federal Republic of Yugoslavia FSIA Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act

GA General Assembly

IACtHR Inter-American Court of Human Rights

ICC International Criminal Court

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political

Rights

ICJ International Court of Justice

ICTR International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY International Criminal Tribunal for the Former

Yugoslavia

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development

ILC International Law Commission

ILOAT Administrative Tribunal of the International

Labour Organization

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

NGO Non-governmental Organization PCA Permanent Court of Arbitration

PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice

PUSIC Parti pour l'Unité et la Sauvegarde de l'Intégrité

du Congo

SC Security Council

SCSL Special Court for Sierra Leone STL Special Tribunal for Lebanon

UN United Nations

UNAT United Nations Administrative Tribunal UNCLOS United Nations Convention on the Law of the

Sea

UPC Union des Patriots Congolais

VRS Vojska Republike Srpske (army of the Republika

Srpska)

WTO World Trade Organization

