Corruption: A Violation of Human Rights and a Crime Under International Law?
The titles published in this series are listed at the end of this volume.
Corruption: A Violation of Human Rights and a Crime Under International Law?

Martine Boersma
Dedicated to my parents,
*Veur mien awwers,*

Alexander Boersma &
Eleonora Boersma-Francot
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The four-year period in which I had the privilege to work at the Law Faculty of Maastricht University and within the broader context of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research has offered me a myriad of opportunities for professional and personal development. At the end of this journey, I should not forget to thank the persons whose support was invaluable.

First of all, I thank my supervisors Prof. Menno Kamminga and Prof. Hans Nelen for carefully reading and commenting upon the various drafts of the chapters of this dissertation. Our fruitful discussions, the combination of your respective areas of expertise, and especially your confidence in this endeavour were a great help. I also thank the members of the Assessment Committee, Prof. Fons Coomans, Prof. Cees Flinterman, Prof. John Hatchard, Prof. David Nelken, and Dr. Fabián Raimondo, for their willingness to read the manuscript and to provide comments.

I thank a number of persons who have helped me to improve my dissertation, amongst others my colleagues from the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights, by commenting on ideas and providing suggestions for improvement. Also a word of thanks for the co-organisers of the conference ‘Corruption and Human Rights’, which took place on October 22–23, 2009: Hans Nelen, Fons Coomans, Paul Frielink, Roland Moerland, and David Roef. All have contributed to making this event and the resulting publication in the Maastricht Series in Human Rights something to be proud of.

Furthermore, I owe a lot to Chantal Kuypers, administrator of the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights, for her help with organisational and practical aspects and for being the wonderful and friendly colleague that she is. I also acknowledge the support of Laura Visser, former student-assistant of the Centre, inter alia for some research assistance and for having to photocopy an awful lot of library books for me.

Moreover, the English language review of this dissertation was skilfully conducted by Carol Ní Ghiollarnáth, Ph.D. from Legal English Services, whose work I can warmly recommend – and not just because of her residence on the sunny island of Aruba.

A very special word of thanks to my former colleagues at the Faculty of Law, some of which deserve particular praise. Jennifer Sellin, we’ve experienced the entire Ph.D. phase together, literally from day one. Your friendship and support was indispensable, and having you as my paranymph means a lot to me. Marelle Attinger, my other paranymph, who would have guessed some ten years ago when volunteering at the Vrouwenrechtswinkel that we would become colleagues again when both pursuing a Ph.D? I greatly value your down-to-earth attitude and friendship. Jasper Krommendijk, you are by far the best possible person with whom to share an office. Our critical discussions on human rights and politics, as well as
Acknowledgements

our laughs accompanied by *un pèlske in de kaffees vaan Mestreech* were always inspiring and encouraging.

Finally, I’d like to express my utmost gratitude to my parents Eleonora and Alexander, to whom this book is dedicated. *Vaanoet de grond vaan mien hart daank iech uuch veur alle steun, mét zoe vääöl dinger. Dit ‘beukske’ is veerdig, en iech hoop tot geer gruuts kint zien. Unne hiele groete merci!*

Maastricht, July 2012
CONTENTS

Acknowledgements ............................................................... vii
List of Abbreviations .......................................................... xxi

General Introduction ............................................................. 1

1. A Day in the Life of John and Jane Doe ........................................... 1
2. Overview of Contemporary Research ............................................. 2
   2.1. Corruption as a Violation of Human Rights? ............................... 2
   2.2. Corruption as a Crime under International Law? ......................... 7
3. Main Research Questions .......................................................... 9
4. Structure .............................................................................. 9
   4.2. Part B: Responsibility of States: Corruption as a Violation of Human Rights? ................................................................. 10
   4.3. Part C: Individual Responsibility: Corruption as a Crime under International Law? ................................................................. 11
   4.4. Part D: Summary, Reflections and Recommendations ..................... 12
5. Methodology ........................................................................ 12
   5.1. Part A: The Phenomenon of Corruption: An Introductory Analysis .... 12
   5.2. Part B: Responsibility of States: Corruption as a Violation of Human Rights? ................................................................. 13
      5.2.1. Data Collection and Organisation ........................................ 13
      5.2.2. Interpretation of Results ...................................................... 19
   5.3. Part C: Individual Responsibility: Corruption as a Crime under International Law? ................................................................. 20
      5.3.1. Data Collection and Organisation ........................................ 20
      5.3.2. Interpretation of Results ...................................................... 21

PART A
THE PHENOMENON OF CORRUPTION: AN INTRODUCTORY ANALYSIS

Chapter I
Basic Issues ........................................................................ 25

1. Introduction ........................................................................ 25
2. Defining ‘Corruption’ ............................................................ 27
   2.1. Public and Private Sector Corruption ....................................... 27
   2.2. Grand and Petty Corruption .................................................. 29
2.3. Corruption vis-à-vis Other Concepts ................................................. 30
2.4. Cultural Connotations .................................................................... 32
3. Typology of Corruption ...................................................................... 33
  3.1. Introductory Remarks ................................................................... 33
  3.2. Bribery .......................................................................................... 33
  3.3. Embezzlement ................................................................................ 35
  3.4. Trading in Influence ...................................................................... 35
  3.5. Abuse of Functions ........................................................................ 36
    3.5.1. Patronage ................................................................................ 36
    3.5.2. Nepotism ................................................................................. 37
  3.6. Illicit Enrichment ........................................................................... 38
4. Measuring Corruption .......................................................................... 38
5. The Harmfulness of Corruption ........................................................... 40
  5.1. Introductory Remarks ................................................................... 40
  5.2. Political Consequences .................................................................. 41
    5.2.1. Erosion of Democracy and Legitimacy ..................................... 41
    5.2.2. Armed Conflict ....................................................................... 41
  5.3. Economic Consequences ................................................................ 45
  5.4. Social Consequences ..................................................................... 48
  5.5. Environmental Consequences ........................................................ 49
6. Concluding Remarks ............................................................................ 51

Chapter II
Global and Regional Legal Framework Against Corruption ....................... 53

1. Introduction ....................................................................................... 53
2. International Regulation of Corruption .................................................. 54
  2.1. The Precursory Role of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ......... 54
    2.1.1. Content .................................................................................. 54
    2.1.2. Underlying Motives for Adoption .......................................... 55
    2.1.3. Criticisms and Resulting Amendments ................................... 56
    2.1.4. Enforcement and Effectiveness .............................................. 58
  2.2. Rationales for International Legislative Efforts .................................. 61
    2.2.1. US Lobbying Efforts ............................................................... 61
    2.2.2. Societal Developments ............................................................ 62
3. Legal Instruments on the Global and Regional Plane ............................... 64
  3.1. Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (1996) ................. 64
    3.1.1. Content .................................................................................. 64
    3.1.2. Follow-up Mechanism (MESICIC) ......................................... 67
  3.2. European Union ............................................................................ 70
    3.2.1. PFI Convention (1995), First Protocol (1996) and Second
           Protocol (1997) ........................................................................ 70
3.2.2. Convention on the Fight Against Corruption Involving Officials of the European Communities or Officials of EU Member States (1997) ........................................... 71
3.2.3. Other Developments .................................................. 72
3.3. OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (1997) ............ 73
3.3.1. Content ................................................................. 73
3.3.2. Monitoring Mechanism ............................................. 77
3.4. Council of Europe .......................................................... 81
3.4.2. Civil Law Convention on Corruption (1999) ..................... 82
3.4.3. Recommendation on Codes of Conduct for Public Officials (2000) .......................................................... 83
3.4.4. Recommendation on Common Rules against Corruption in the Funding of Political Parties and Electoral Campaigns (2003) 83
3.4.5. GRECO: the COE’s Monitoring Mechanism ....................... 84
3.5. African Instruments ......................................................... 85
3.5.1. SADC Protocol Against Corruption (2001) ....................... 85
3.5.2. ECOWAS Protocol on the Fight Against Corruption (2001) 88
3.6. United Nations ............................................................... 92
4. Comparative Analysis .......................................................... 97

PART B
RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES: CORRUPTION AS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

Chapter III
Treaty-Based System: Corruption as a Topic in the Work of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies ......................... 103

1. Introduction ................................................................. 103
2. State Reporting Procedure ............................................. 104
2.1. Overview ................................................................. 104
2.2. Language Employed in the Treaty Bodies’ Concluding Observations . 105
3. Individual Complaints Procedure ...................................... 108
4. Human Rights Committee (HRC) .................................... 109
4.1. Concluding Observations ............................................. 109
Chapter V
Regional Human Rights Practice on the Topic of Corruption

1. Introduction ......................................................... 177
2. Europe .............................................................. 177
   2.1. Background ................................................... 177
   2.2. Practice of the European Court of Human Rights .......... 178
      2.2.1. Whistleblowers’ Right to Freedom of Expression (Article 10
      ECHR) ............................................................ 178
      2.2.2. Rights of Persons Accused of Corruption ............... 181
3. The Americas ...................................................... 185
   3.1. Background ................................................... 185
   3.2. Practice of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ... 186
      3.2.1. Corruption in the Judiciary ............................ 186
      3.2.2. Rights of Whistleblowers .............................. 188
      3.2.3. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ............... 188
      3.2.4. Other Issues ........................................... 189
   3.3. Practice of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights .... 190
4. Africa ............................................................... 192
   4.1. Background ................................................... 192
   4.2. Practice of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights ... 192
5. Concluding Remarks ............................................. 193

Chapter VI
Taking It Further: Corruption as a Human Rights Violation

1. Introduction ......................................................... 195
2. Clarifying the Corruption and Human Rights Connection ......... 195
   2.1. Introduction ................................................... 195
   2.2. ICHRPI’s Approach: Various Types of ‘Violations’ ......... 196
   2.3. Alternative Approach: ‘Dimensions’ of the Corruption and Human
      Rights Connection .............................................. 197
   2.4. Opposition to the Corruption and Human Rights Connection ... 200
3. Corruption as a Violation of Civil and Political Rights ..... 202
   3.1. The Right to Equality and Non-Discrimination .............. 202
      3.1.1. Introduction .............................................. 202
      3.1.2. The Right to Equality Before the Law .................. 204
3.1.3. The Right to Equal Protection of the Law .......................... 204
3.1.4. The Prohibition of Discrimination .............................. 204
3.2. The Right to Equality Before Courts and Tribunals and the Right
to a Fair Trial ................................................. 205
3.2.1. Introduction .................................................. 205
3.2.2. The Right to Equality Before Courts and Tribunals .......... 207
3.2.3. The Right to a Fair Trial ..................................... 209
3.2.4. The Presumption of Innocence ............................... 211
3.2.5. Rights of Persons Charged with a Criminal Offense ........ 211
3.2.6. The Right to a Remedy ....................................... 212
3.3. Rights of Political Participation .................................. 212
3.3.1. Introduction .................................................. 212
3.3.2. The Right to Take Part in the Conduct of Public Affairs .... 214
3.3.3. The Right to Vote ............................................. 214
3.3.4. The Right to be Elected ....................................... 215
3.3.5. The Right of Equal Access to Public Service ............... 216
3.4. The Prohibition of Human Trafficking ............................ 216
3.4.1. Introduction .................................................. 216
3.4.2. State Obligations under the Trafficking Protocol ........... 218
3.4.3. Article 8 ICCPR ............................................. 218
3.5. The Rights of Detainees to be Treated with Humanity and Dignity 222
3.5.1. Introduction .................................................. 222
3.5.2. Article 10 ICCPR ............................................. 222
3.6. The Right to Freedom of Movement ................................ 224
3.6.1. Introduction .................................................. 224
3.6.2. The Right to Liberty of Movement and Freedom to Choose Residence ............................................. 225
3.6.3. The Freedom to Leave a Country and Liberty of Emigration . 226
3.6.4. The Right to Enter One’s Own Country ........................ 228
4. Corruption as a Violation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights .... 228
4.1. State Party Obligations under Article 2(1) ICESCR ............... 228
4.1.1. Introduction .................................................. 228
4.1.2. ‘Undertakes To Take Steps’ .................................. 229
4.1.3. ‘Individually and Through International Assistance and Co-operation, Especially Economic and Technical’ ............. 230
4.1.4. ‘To the Maximum of Its Available Resources’ ............... 231
4.1.5. ‘With a View to Achieving Progressively the Full Realisation of the Rights Recognised in the Covenant’ ............... 232
4.1.6. ‘By all Appropriate Means, Including Particularly the Adoption of Legislative Measures’ .......................... 233
4.2. The Right to Food ................................................. 234
4.2.1. Introduction .................................................. 234
4.2.2. Content .......................................................... 235
4.2.3. State Obligations and Violations .............................................. 236
4.2. The Right to Adequate Housing ................................................... 239
  4.3.1. Introduction ............................................................................ 239
  4.3.2. Content ................................................................................ 240
  4.3.3. State Obligations and Violations .............................................. 242
4.4. The Right to Education ................................................................. 244
  4.4.1. Introduction ............................................................................ 244
  4.4.2. Content ................................................................................ 246
  4.4.3. State Obligations and Violations .............................................. 250
4.5. The Right to Health ................................................................. 252
  4.5.1. Introduction ............................................................................ 252
  4.5.2. Content ................................................................................ 254
  4.5.3. State Obligations and Violations .............................................. 258
5. Towards a New Human Right to a Corruption-Free Society? ................. 264
  6.1. General Conclusions .................................................................. 267
  6.2. Employing the UN Treaty Bodies .................................................. 268
  6.3. The Role of the Human Rights Council: UPR and Special Procedures .................................................................................. 269
  6.4. Bringing Corruption Before Regional Human Rights Instances .......... 270
  6.5. Domestic Human Rights Litigation ............................................... 271
  6.6. National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) ............................... 272
  6.7. Cooperation between Human Rights Actors and Anti-Corruption Organisations ................................................................. 274

PART C
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY: CORRUPTION AS A CRIME UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW?

Chapter VII
Situating Corruption Within International Criminal Law .......................... 277

1. Introduction ...................................................................................... 277
2. Key Concepts .................................................................................... 278
  2.1. ICL *largo sensu:* ICL *stricto sensu* and Transnational Criminal Law .................................................................................. 278
  2.2. International Crimes: Crimes under International Law and Transnational Crimes ................................................................. 279
3. Corruption in International Criminal Law from a Historical Perspective .... 283
  3.1. Developments until World War I ................................................. 283
  3.2. Post-World War I ........................................................................ 284
  3.3. Post-World War II ........................................................................ 285
  3.4. The International Criminal Court ............................................... 287
    3.4.1. Developments Leading to the ICC’s Establishment .................. 287
## Contents

3.4.2. *Travaux Préparatoires* of the Rome Statute ........................................ 291
3.5. Findings ........................................................................................................ 294

4. Rationales for the International Criminalisation of Corruption ................... 295
4.1. Introduction: Developing a Model for International Criminalisation .. 295
4.2. Feasibility and Motivation of Harm .............................................................. 296
   4.2.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 296
   4.2.2. Defining ‘Harm’ at the International Level: Bassiouni’s Criteria for International Criminalisation ........................................ 296
   4.2.3. Application ................................................................................................. 299
4.3. Tolerance .......................................................................................................... 301
   4.3.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 301
   4.3.2. Application ................................................................................................. 302
4.4. Subsidiarity ...................................................................................................... 302
   4.4.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 302
   4.4.2. Application ................................................................................................. 302
4.5. Proportionality ................................................................................................. 304
   4.5.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 304
   4.5.2. Application ................................................................................................. 305
4.6. Legality ............................................................................................................ 305
   4.6.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 305
   4.6.2. Application ................................................................................................. 305
4.7. Practical Applicability and Effectivity .......................................................... 306
   4.7.1. Content ........................................................................................................ 306
   4.7.2. Application ................................................................................................. 306
4.8. Findings ............................................................................................................ 308

5. Objectives of Punishment in International Criminal Law ............................. 308
5.1. Introduction ...................................................................................................... 308
5.2. Retributivism ................................................................................................. 309
5.3. Consequentialism ......................................................................................... 310
   5.3.1. Deterrence ................................................................................................. 310
   5.3.2. Incapacitation ............................................................................................ 311
   5.3.3. Rehabilitation ............................................................................................ 311
5.4. Expressivism ................................................................................................. 311
5.5. Other Goals .................................................................................................... 313
5.6. Findings ............................................................................................................ 313

6. Types of Corruption Eligible for International Criminalisation *de lege ferenda* ............................................................................................................. 314
6.1. Demand-side Corruption: Tackling the Public Sector ................................. 314
6.2. Focus on Grand Corruption ........................................................................... 314
6.3. Types of Corruption – UNCAC ....................................................................... 316

7. Concluding Remarks ......................................................................................... 317
Chapter VIII
Corruption as a Crime Against Humanity under International Law

de lege lata?

1. Introduction .................................................. 319
2. Elements of Crimes Against Humanity: General Framework .......... 320
   2.1. Article 7 Rome Statute .................................. 320
   2.2. Actus Reus ................................................ 322
   2.3. Mens Rea ................................................. 322
      2.3.1. ‘Intent’ ............................................... 323
      2.3.2. ‘Knowledge’ ........................................ 325
   2.4. Contextual Element: ‘Widespread or Systematic Attack Directed
      Against Any Civilian Population’ ............................. 325
      2.4.1. ‘Widespread’ ...................................... 326
      2.4.2. ‘Systematic’ ....................................... 326
      2.4.3. ‘Attack’ ............................................ 327
      2.4.4. ‘Directed Against Any Civilian Population’ ........... 328
   2.5. Individual Criminal Responsibility ..................................... 328
3. Corruption as ‘Extermination’? ........................................ 329
   3.1. Introduction ............................................. 329
   3.2. Elements of Extermination ................................... 330
   3.3. Application .............................................. 331
4. Corruption as ‘an Other Inhumane Act’? .................................. 333
   4.1. Introduction ............................................. 333
   4.2. Elements of an Other Inhumane Act ............................... 334
   4.3. Application .............................................. 336
5. Concluding Remarks .................................................. 338

Chapter IX
Possibilities of Combating Corruption under International Criminal Law

de lege ferenda?

1. Introduction .................................................. 339
2. Possible Content of an Anti-Corruption Provision in the Rome Statute .... 340
   2.1. Inclusion of a Separate Anti-Corruption Provision? .................. 340
      2.1.1. Introduction ....................................... 340
      2.1.2. Passive Bribery ................................... 341
      2.1.3. Embezzlement ..................................... 344
   2.2. Inclusion of New Crimes Against Humanity? ......................... 344
3. Practical Challenges of International Prosecution Before the ICC .......... 345
4. Feasibility of Including an Anti-Corruption Provision into the Rome
   Statute ....................................................... 346
5. Addressing Grand Corruption in Present Cases before the ICC ............. 347
6. Establishing an Anti-Corruption Tribunal: A Possible Alternative? 348
   6.1. A Permanent Anti-Corruption Court? 348
   6.2. An Ad Hoc Anti-Corruption Tribunal? 348
7. Concluding Remarks 349

PART D
SUMMARY, REFLECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chapter X
Summary 353
1. Introduction 353
   2.1. Defining and Measuring Corruption 353
   2.2. Harmful Consequences of Corruption 354
   2.3. Global and Regional Legal Framework 355
   3.1. Human Rights Practice 356
      3.1.1. UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies 357
      3.1.2. Universal Periodic Review 359
      3.1.3. Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council 360
      3.1.4. Regional Human Rights Mechanisms 363
   3.2. Further Links 365
      3.2.1. General Conclusions 365
      3.2.2. Merits and Limits of the Human Rights Approach to Corruption 366
   4.1. Theoretical Considerations 368
   4.2. De lege lata Perspective 370
      4.2.1. Introductory Remarks 370
      4.2.2. Corruption as Extermination (Article 7(1)(b) Rome Statute)? 371
      4.2.3. Corruption as an Other Inhumane Act (Article 7(1)(k) Rome Statute)? 372
   4.3. De Lege Ferenda Perspective 373

Chapter XI
Reflections and Recommendations 375
1. Introduction 375
2. Corruption and International Human Rights Law 375
   2.1. Paradigm Shift: Corruption as a Violation of Human Rights 375
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2.2. Human Rights Treaty Bodies of the United Nations</td>
<td>376</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.3. Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council</td>
<td>378</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.4. Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council</td>
<td>378</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.5. Regional Human Rights Mechanisms</td>
<td>379</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Corruption and International Criminal Law</td>
<td>380</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Final Remarks</td>
<td>381</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samenvatting</td>
<td>383</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annex 2. General Comment on Corruption and Human Rights: A Draft</td>
<td>411</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposal</td>
<td>411</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bibliography</td>
<td>437</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Nations Documents</td>
<td>469</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Table of Cases</td>
<td>481</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Index</td>
<td>485</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Curriculum Vitae</td>
<td>489</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# List of Abbreviations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ACHR</td>
<td>American Convention on Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AfChHPR</td>
<td>African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AfCionHPR</td>
<td>African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AI</td>
<td>Amnesty International</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AU</td>
<td>African Union</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BPI</td>
<td>Bribe Payers Index</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAT</td>
<td>Committee Against Torture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CCL 10</td>
<td>Allied Control Council Law No. 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CERD</td>
<td>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CESCR</td>
<td>Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CEDAW</td>
<td>Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CITES</td>
<td>Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CO</td>
<td>Concluding Observations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COE</td>
<td>Council of Europe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CPI</td>
<td>Corruption Perceptions Index</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRC</td>
<td>Committee on the Rights of the Child</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DCC</td>
<td>Dutch Criminal Code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DGD</td>
<td>Day of General Discussion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOJ</td>
<td>US Department of Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECHR</td>
<td>European Convention on Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECtHR</td>
<td>European Court of Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECOWAS</td>
<td>Economic Community of West African States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECOWAS CCJ</td>
<td>ECOWAS Community Court of Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EU</td>
<td>European Union</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAO</td>
<td>Food and Agriculture Organisation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FATF</td>
<td>Financial Action Task Force</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FCPA</td>
<td>Foreign Corrupt Practices Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FDI</td>
<td>Foreign Direct Investment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEC</td>
<td>Far Eastern Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GA</td>
<td>General Assembly of the United Nations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GC</td>
<td>General Comment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCB</td>
<td>Global Corruption Barometer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCR</td>
<td>Global Corruption Report</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRECO</td>
<td>Group of States Against Corruption (COE)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRC</td>
<td>UN Human Rights Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRCion</td>
<td>Human Rights Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR Council</td>
<td>Human Rights Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRW</td>
<td>Human Rights Watch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abbreviation</td>
<td>Full Form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IACAC</td>
<td>Inter-American Convention Against Corruption</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IACionHR</td>
<td>Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IACHR</td>
<td>Inter-American Court of Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICC</td>
<td>International Criminal Court</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICCPR</td>
<td>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICESCR</td>
<td>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICHR</td>
<td>International Council on Human Rights Policy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICJ</td>
<td>International Court of Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICL</td>
<td>International Criminal Law</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICPRMW</td>
<td>International Convention on the Protection of Rights of Migrant Workers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICTR</td>
<td>International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICTY</td>
<td>International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICVS</td>
<td>International Crime Victims Survey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ILC</td>
<td>International Law Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IMF</td>
<td>International Monetary Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KNCHR</td>
<td>Kenya National Commission on Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MESICIC</td>
<td>Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MGs</td>
<td>Maastricht Guidelines on Violations of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MNC</td>
<td>Multinational Corporation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NGO</td>
<td>Non-governmental organisation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NHRI</td>
<td>National human rights institution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OAS</td>
<td>Organization of American States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OECD</td>
<td>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OHCHR</td>
<td>Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCIJ</td>
<td>Permanent Court of International Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PFI Convention</td>
<td>Convention on the Protection of the European Communities’ Financial Interests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PIL</td>
<td>Public Interest Litigation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SADC</td>
<td>Southern African Development Community</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SC</td>
<td>Security Council of the United Nations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEC</td>
<td>Securities and Exchange Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SERAP</td>
<td>Social Economic Rights and Accountability Project</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SR</td>
<td>Special Rapporteur</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TI</td>
<td>Transparency International</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UDHR</td>
<td>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UN</td>
<td>United Nations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNCAC</td>
<td>United Nations Convention Against Corruption</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNCRC</td>
<td>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNCh</td>
<td>Charter of the United Nations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abbreviation</td>
<td>Full Form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNCTOC</td>
<td>United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UN.GIFT</td>
<td>United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNODC</td>
<td>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNWCC</td>
<td>United Nations War Crimes Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPR</td>
<td>Universal Periodic Review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VCLT</td>
<td>Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WB</td>
<td>World Bank</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WGB</td>
<td>Working Group on Bribery (OECD)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WGC</td>
<td>Working Group on Communications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WGS</td>
<td>Working Group on Situations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WTO</td>
<td>World Trade Organization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WW I</td>
<td>First World War</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WW II</td>
<td>Second World War</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WWF</td>
<td>World Wide Fund</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>