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Preface

At World Without Genocide, one of our major areas of emphasis is to educate about genocides and other mass atrocities that have occurred in the past and those that are taking place today. People often know about the crises, but are less familiar with how these heinous crimes can be addressed through international law.

Although trials and punishment for the crimes can never truly create justice after massive social destruction and upheaval, retributive justice provides irrefutable documentation of the truth; opportunities for survivor victims and witnesses to tell their stories with dignity and credibility; strong deterrence for committing the crimes; and a path for a community’s healing and reconstruction. Of great significance is the effort to end impunity for terrible crimes perpetrated against innocent people based solely on who they are.

This volume highlights five ways that international law and retributive justice attempt to end impunity for the world’s worst crimes: prosecutions at the United Nations International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, United Nations ad hoc tribunals, the use of universal jurisdiction, and the evolving body of International Humanitarian Law. Each chapter provides information about landmark trials and the contributions to international law.

We begin this volume with the texts of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, two foundational documents that shape international law and the aspirations for peace and dignity for all.

I hope that this material will be interesting, insightful, and useful to scholars and others committed to justice.

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