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Abstract

The primary objective of this research is to explore and elucidate the concepts, principles, and legal frameworks pertaining to the international criminal liability of leaders, particularly in instances where they contravene established norms and statutes of international criminal law. This endeavor seeks to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the enforcement mechanisms underpinning such liability, thereby reinforcing respect for international legal standards. The study delves into the evolution of this principle and examines the contemporary acceptance of the idea that leaders and heads of state can be held accountable before a stable and enduring international criminal tribunal. The notion of international criminal responsibility has transcended theoretical abstraction to become a tangible reality in global affairs, as evidenced by landmark trials such as those held in Nuremberg, Tokyo, the Courts of the Former (Yugoslavia, and Rwanda). Furthermore, the establishment of the Permanent Court of Rome and its jurisprudential frameworks, along with associated legal challenges and barriers, underscores the ongoing evolution of international criminal law. Through rigorous inquiry and analysis, this research endeavors to offer viable solutions and insights that may contribute to the ongoing development and refinement of international legal norms and mechanisms.

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