Transitional Justice

“For the United Nations, transitional justice is the full range of processes and mechanisms associated with a society’s attempt to come to terms with a legacy of large-scale past abuses, in order to ensure accountability, serve justice and achieve reconciliation. Transitional justice processes and mechanisms are a critical component of the United Nations framework for strengthening the rule of law.”

Guidance Note of the Secretary-General: United Nations Approach to Transitional Justice (March 2010)

UN Entities

- United Nations Rule of Law Unit: https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/
- UN Development Programme (UNDP): http://www.undp.org
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): http://www.unhcr.org

UN Conferences & Events

- Peacebuilding Commission: Ambassadorial-level meeting on Transitional Justice in Colombia, The Gambia and Timor-Leste (28 April 2023)
  - Webcast: https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1p/k1pfw4ifdj
Security Council Open Debate on "Women, rule of law and transitional justice in conflict-affected situations" (18 October 2013)
  - Concept Note: http://undocs.org/S/2013/587
  - Meeting Record: http://undocs.org/S/PV.7044

International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims - 24 March:

Research & Documentation

- United Nations Rule of Law Document Repository:
  https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/knowledge-resources/document-repository/
- Audiovisual Library of International Law:
  https://www.un.org/law/avl/
  - Introduction to Transitional Justice / by Mr. Paul van Zyl:
  - Perspectives on Post-conflict Justice / by Mr. M. Cherif Bassiouni:
    http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Bassiouni_CLP.html

Selected UN Documents

- E/C.19/2023/3 (26 January 2023): International expert group meeting on the theme "Truth, transitional justice and reconciliation processes": Note by the Secretariat:
  https://undocs.org/E/C.19/2023/3
  https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/51/23
- A/77/162 (14 July 2022): Promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-reurrence: note / by the Secretary-General:
  https://undocs.org/A/77/162
  Transmits report of the Special Rapporteur, Fabián Salvioli, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 45/10.
  Contains: Sustainable Development Goals and transitional justice: leaving no victim behind.
  Links transitional justice with the Sustainable Development Goals process through a people-centred and victim-centred approach.
  https://undocs.org/A/HRC/50/40/Add.4
  https://undocs.org/A/HRC/49/39
  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 42/17.
- A/76/180 (19 July 2021): Promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-reurrence: note / by the Secretary-General:
  https://undocs.org/A/76/180
  Transmits report of the Special Rapporteur, Fabián Salvioli, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 45/10.
  Contains: Transitional justice measures and addressing the legacy of gross violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed in colonial contexts.
- A/75/174 (7 July 2020): The gender perspective in transitional justice processes: note / by the Secretary-General:
  https://undocs.org/A/75/174
  Transmits report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence, Fabián Salvioli, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 36/7.
- E/ESCWA/ECW/2019/BRIEF.3 (19 September 2019): Policy Brief - Employing a gendered approach on transitional justice in the Arab region: potential role of national women’s machineries:
  http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/42/17
- A/HRC/37/65 (6 June 2018): Joint study on the contribution of transitional justice to the prevention of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law, including genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and their recurrence: report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide: note / by the Secretariat:
  http://undocs.org/A/HRC/37/65


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