
Lviv Declaration of Fundamental Principles of International Law

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On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, having assembled some one hundred and fifty international legal experts from across the globe to “Stand Tall for the Rule of Law” at a Summit by that same title convened in Lviv, Ukraine on 7 to 10 December in the year 2023, recognizing our shared mission, we the Presidents of the American Society of International Law and the Ukrainian Association of International Law hereby reaffirm and commit to defending the following fundamental tenets of international law.

- *Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.*
- *Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of the person.*
- *All human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated.*
- *Crimes against humanity, genocide, war crimes, and the crime of aggression threaten the peace, security, and well-being of the world and are contrary to international law.*
- *Everyone has the right to an effective remedy for violations of international law before an independent and impartial court or tribunal.*
- *All States must refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.*
- *All States and all parties to armed conflicts must strictly observe international humanitarian law, as set forth in the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and other rules and principles of international law, as well as minimum standards for protection of human rights, as laid down in international conventions.*
- *Every internationally wrongful act of a State entails the international responsibility of that State, and it is the duty of every State to exercise its criminal jurisdiction over those responsible for international crimes.*

These principles of international law are foundational to international legal order and therefore to peace and justice in the world.

We the representatives of the American Society of International Law and the Ukrainian Association of International Law affirm and commit to work together to uphold these principles.

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