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- UN Security Council (2003) Resolution 1493 (2003), UN Doc. S/RES/1493, para 7.
- UN General Assembly (2012) Human Rights Council: Report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, UN Doc. A/HRC/19/69, p 1.
- Human Rights Committee (1999) General Comment 27: Freedom of Movement, UN Doc. CCPR/C/21/Rev.1/Add.9, paras 8-10.

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- ICC, *Prosecutor v Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*, Judgment Pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute, 14 March 2012, Case No. ICC-01/04-01/06-2842 (*Lubanga 2012*), para 536.
- ICJ, *Case Concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v Serbia and Montenegro)*, Judgment, 26 February 2007 (*Bosnia Genocide*), [2007] ICJ Rep 43, paras 399-400.
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- *Lubanga 2012*, above n 47, para 536.

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- *Bosnia Genocide Case*, above n 55, paras 399-400.
- *Al-Skeini*, above n 49, para 24.

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- Hoffman B (2008) The Myth of Grass-Roots Terrorism. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/reviews/review-essay/2008-05-03/myth-grass-roots-terrorism>. Accessed 30 October 2016.
- The Guardian (2016) Ex-child soldier Dominic Ongwen denies war crimes at ICC trial. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/dec/06/dominic-ongwen-the-hague-trial-war-crimes-lra-uganda>. Accessed 7 June 2017.

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- Bantekas I (2009) Trust Funds under International Law. T.M.C. Asser Press, The Hague

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[Author's last name and initial(s)] (Year) [Title of chapter]. In: [Editor(s)] (ed(s)) [Book Title, Edition Number]. [Publisher], [City], pp [page range]

- Van Hulle K, Van der Tas L (2001) European Union – Individual Accounts. In: Ordelheide D (ed) Transnational Accounting, 2nd edn. Palgrave, Basingstoke, pp 772-826

*Journal article:*

[Author's last name and initial(s)] ([Year]) [Title]. [Journal] [Volume number (Issue number, if applicable)]: [page range]

- Sivakumaran S (2009) Courts of Armed Opposition Groups: Fair Trials or Summary Justice. *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 7:489-513

*Online document:*

[Name Organisation/Author's Last Name and initial(s)] ([Year]) [Title of Article] [source, if applicable]. [URL]. Accessed [date]

- ICRC (2011) International Humanitarian Law and the Challenges of Contemporary Armed Conflicts. <https://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/report/31-international-conference-ihl-challenges-report-2011-10-31.htm>. Accessed 29 June 2017
- Bellal A (2017) The War Report 2016. Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva. <https://www.geneva-academy.ch/joomlatools-files/docman-files/TheWarReport2016.pdf>. Accessed 8 July 2017

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