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## THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION FORUM (ILA FORUM)

### EDITORIAL AND STYLE GUIDELINES

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#### Requirements

The ILA Forum welcomes scholarly contributions of **between 1,500 and 3,000 words** in length. For those topics that reward more sustained reflection, the journal will also consider longer reflective pieces of up to 8,000 words.

Submissions will normally make a **novel contribution** to international legal discussion, and must be respectful and scholarly in tone, particularly when dealing with controversial topics.

They must be of **excellent quality**. They must not have been submitted to any other publication. If AI has been used to assist in research and proofreading, this must be disclosed to the Editorial Committee at the time of submission, although this will not affect the likelihood of publication. AI must not have been used to draft text for publication in any circumstances.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Committee before acceptance for publication. Publication is at the discretion of the ILA and the Editorial Committee and decisions not to publish a particular contribution, or to require editorial changes in consultation with the author, are final. Wherever possible, if accepted, contributions will be published **within 3 weeks** of receipt. Contributions that are not accepted for publication will be notified of that fact within 3 weeks absent exceptional circumstances.

Articles, if published, express the views of their authors and do not represent the views of the ILA.

#### Style Guidelines for Submissions

1. *Language*: Submissions are welcome in either of the ILA's official languages, English (British) or French.
2. *Formatting and Font*: Submissions should be submitted in word or pdf format, preferably in Times New Roman 12 pt font. Text should be single-spaced, and paragraphs should have a single return between them.
3. *Citations and hyperlinks*: Please do **not** include any footnotes or endnotes. If you are submitting an already-written piece containing footnotes, decide whether to move the footnote text into the main body of the piece or delete it. Instead, please put any citations/references **in parentheses** immediately after the propositions or quotations that they support. Finally, insert **embedded hyperlinks** to relevant supporting materials and legal texts, where it is both possible and helpful to the reader, using your discretion.

4. *Contributor bio and photograph:* We welcome a short bio of not more than a few sentences, and a headshot photo if desired, to accompany the article.

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