On the occasion of International Law Day

Launch Event:


This International Law Day, we invite you to a launch event for a new report on the application of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to cyberwarfare and a discussion on the role the ICC may play in the regulation of warfare as it evolves in the 21st century.

Two UN-mandated groups – the Group of Governmental Experts on Advancing Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace in the Context of International Security (GGE) and the Open-ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (OEWG) – have been clear that international law applies to cyberspace. In parallel to the work of the GGE and OEWG on the application of international law to cyberspace, 11 States Parties to the Rome Statute created a Council of Advisers to explore the specific role of the ICC in the regulation of cyberwarfare.

Nearly two years since its first meeting, members of the Council of Advisers on the Application of the Rome Statute of the ICC to Cyberwarfare will present their Final Report. Realizing the potential of the Rome Statute in this area means such crimes could currently be prosecutable at the ICC without the need for statutory amendment. Increased awareness of the ICC’s ability to prosecute such crimes raises the profile of the world’s only permanent international criminal court to address the challenge of regulating new technologies.

Opening remarks by the last surviving Nuremberg Trial Prosecutor, Benjamin Ferencz, will be followed by a discussion among members of the Council of Advisers and other participants on the Application of the Rome Statute of the ICC to Cyberwarfare.

After the panel discussion, the floor will be opened for questions and comments.

When: Tuesday, 26 October 2021, 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. EST
Where: https://zoom.us/j/91719292010
Opening Remarks: Benjamin Ferencz, Nuremberg Trial Prosecutor
Panelists: Prof. Claus Kreß, University of Cologne
Prof. Oona Hathaway, Yale Law School
Prof. Charles Jalloh, Florida International University
Mr. Matthew Cross, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
Prof. Jennifer Trahan, New York University Center for Global Affairs
Moderator: H.E. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN