

# Key Information



British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law

*An independent legal research institute with charitable status,  
undertaking applied research, publications and events*

## Mission:

- To advance the understanding of international and comparative law;
- To promote the rule of law in international affairs;
- To promote their application through research, publications and events;
- To provide a public benefit through its work

## What is the Institute?

- The globally respected leading UK independent research body for international and comparative law
- Progressive and contemporary, because international law is a daily feature of legal practice
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- An inclusive membership institution with around 800 members, including solicitors and barristers, judges, government advisors, academics and students



*The Institute was founded in 1958. It sits at the heart of the international legal world in London, bridging the gap between the courts, which have developed many of the core principles of international law and the commercial world, which is the base for global markets in banking, finance, shipping, insurance, energy, etc.*



## What does the Institute do?

- Explains and applies international law in global problem-solving;
- Fosters a comparative understanding of national legal systems;
- Assists states through legal capacity-building and training;
- Recommends good practices and influences law and policy making;
- Encourages and supports the best scholarship and talent in this legal field

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