THE COOPERATION WITH THE ICC: THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY TO JUSTICE?

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Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to present the cooperation of the states and other international legal subjects with the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Rome Statute was the legal foundation for the universal criminal court, which is supposed to punish international crimes. This task is not an easy one. Cooperation is perhaps a crucial and vital component of ICC functioning. The author would like to answer the research question of whether cooperation with the ICC is successful, and this paper will deal with the question of how to improve the current situation and in what manner. Subsequently, it might help with the overall fight against impunity.

Design/Methods/Approach: The author wishes to address this issue by analysing it from the point of view of several different aspects: legal, political, and practical. This paper will include an analysis of legal documents, including, above all, the Rome Statute, examples from court practice, and the reputation that the ICC has in the international community.

Originality/Value: The scientific value of this paper is in the legal analysis of this important aspect of tackling criminals in international criminal law. The results may be useful for the overall research on the success of the International Criminal Court.

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