



Sources of International Disaster Law

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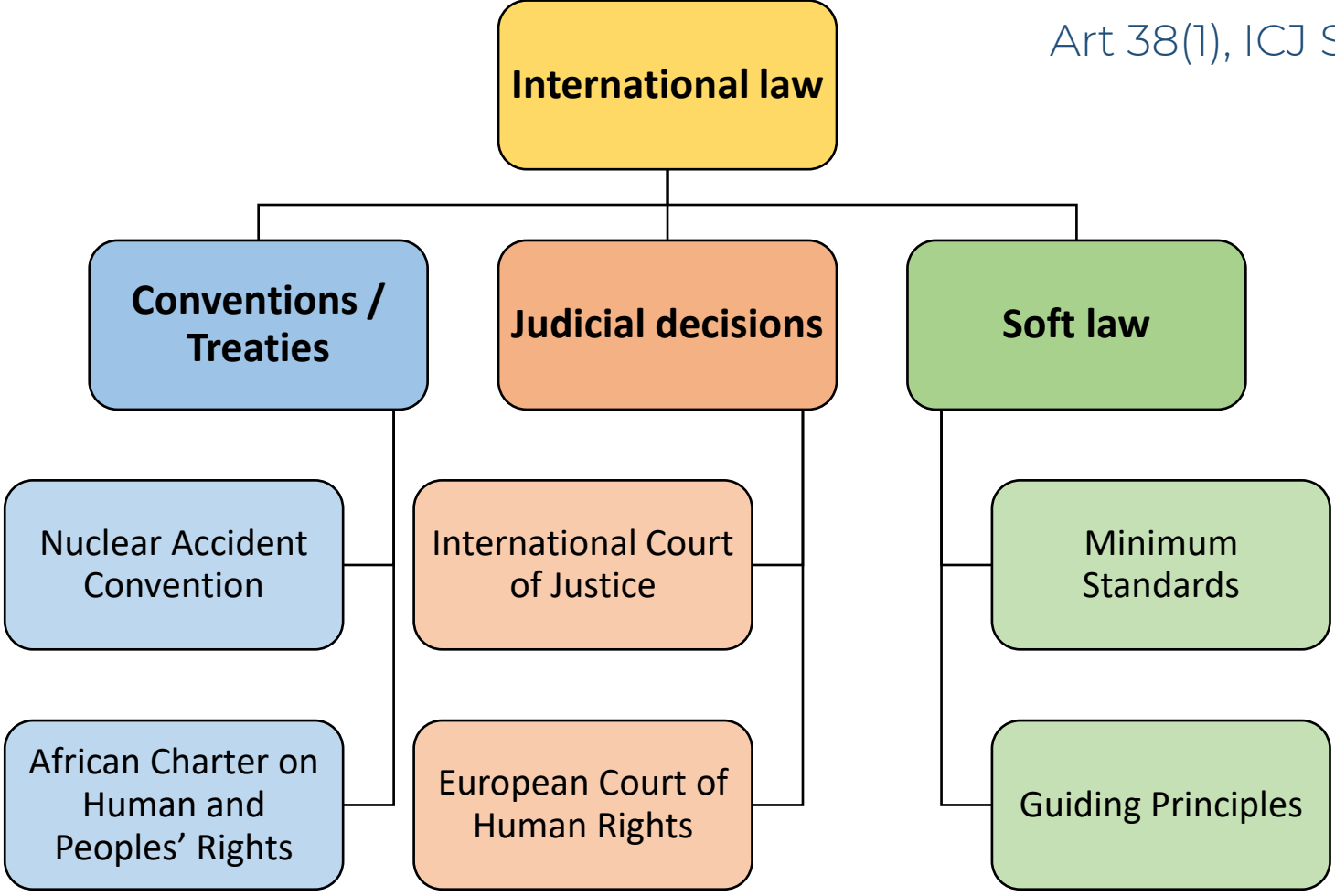
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Art 38(1), ICJ Statute



Multilateral Agreements

Nearly 100 years of international agreements on disasters

- Convention Establishing an International Relief Union (1927)
- Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident (1986)
- Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation & Relief Operations (1998)
- ILC Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters (2016)



Regional Agreements

Important role played by regional organisations

Such as:

- EU Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Mechanism
- ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management & Emergency Response
- CARICOM Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
- AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (2009)



Bilateral Agreements

Numerous bilateral agreements between states

For example:

- Agreement Between the Government of the Republic Of South Africa and the Government of the French Republic for the Coordination of Search and Rescue Services (2001)
- Agreement between the UN and Sierra Leone on the Status of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (2014)



National Law and Policy

Increasingly rich source of disaster law

International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

- Model Act for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance (2013)
- Model Emergency Decree for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance (2017)

<https://disasterlaw.ifrc.org/>



Case Law

Judicial decisions on a wide range of disaster law issues

European Court of Human Rights

- *Budayeva & others v. Russia* (2008)
- *Hadzhiyska v. Bulgaria* (2012)

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- *Union Carbide Corporation v. Union of India & others* (1989)
- *George v. United Nations* (2016)



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