

# Impunity: International law and standards

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# Lao-Tsu:

**When the great Tao was lost,  
there came ideas of humanity and justice.**

**When knowledge and cleverness arrived,  
there came great deceptions.**

**When familial relations went out of harmony,  
there came ideas of good parents and loyal  
children.**

**When the nation fell into disorder and misrule,  
there came loyal ministers.**



# Where can you find measures against impunity in international treaties?

- Human rights treaties – directly: Torture Convention, ED Convention
- Human rights treaties – indirectly: ICCPR, ICESCR redress provisions
- IHL (laws of war) - 4 Geneva conventions
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

# Ending impunity

1. Duty to investigate and prosecute
2. Strict standards
3. No immunities
4. No statute of limitations
5. Retrospective application
6. No inappropriate defences
7. No amnesties
8. Victims' right to reparations
9. Universal jurisdiction
10. Effective cooperation.

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धन्यवाद

Hindi

多謝

Traditional Chinese

ขอบคุณ

Thai

Спасибо

Russian

Gracias

Spanish

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Thank You

English

شكراً

Arabic

Merci

French

Obrigado

Brazilian Portuguese

Bedankt

Dutch

多谢

Simplified Chinese

Danke

German

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Tamil

ありがとうございました

Japanese

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