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Judge Meron has been a Judge and was the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“Mechanism”). He was also a Judge of the Appeals Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (“ICTY”) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (“ICTR”). Since his election to the ICTY in March 2001, he served a total of four terms as President of the ICTY and three terms as President of the Mechanism.

Leading scholar of International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and International Criminal law, Judge Meron is the author of a dozen books on International Law and of more than hundred articles including some of the books and articles that helped build the legal foundations for International Criminal Tribunals. His most recent book is “Standing Up for Justice: the Challenges of Trying Atrocity Crimes” (OUP 2021).

He is a member of the Institute of International Law and of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the recipient of numerous awards, honours, and medals, such as the Hudson Medal (ASIL) and the Haskins Prize (ACLS) as well as Officer of the French Legion of Honour, Grand Officer of the French National Order of Merit as well as Officer of the Order of Merit of Poland and Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (the UK).

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