Direct application of international criminal law in national courts
Ferdinandusse, W.N.

Citation for published version (APA):
Ferdinandusse, W. N. (2005). Direct application of international criminal law in national courts

General rights
It is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), other than for strictly personal, individual use, unless the work is under an open content license (like Creative Commons).

Disclaimer/Complaints regulations
If you believe that digital publication of certain material infringes any of your rights or (privacy) interests, please let the Library know, stating your reasons. In case of a legitimate complaint, the Library will make the material inaccessible and/or remove it from the website. Please Ask the Library: http://uba.uva.nl/en/contact, or a letter to: Library of the University of Amsterdam, Secretariat, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

Download date: 19 Jan 2019
Acknowledgments

This study is the result of four years of research at the University of Amsterdam. It is embedded in the research project “Interactions between International Law and National Law” of the Amsterdam Center for International Law. I wrote parts of it during stays as a Visiting Researcher at New York University and the Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway. A visit to the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg am Bresgau was instrumental for the collection of sources. I gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), the Fulbright Foundation and the Amsterdam University Fund, which made these visits possible.

Over the last four years, so many people have supported me in so many different ways that I could not possibly mention everyone individually here. Numerous people kindly responded to my requests for information or comments, shared their ideas and sources, or explained the peculiarities of their legal systems to me. Others, like my brothers and friends, did everything they could to distract me from this study and keep me in touch with the more important things in life. Some managed to do both. Colleagues, friends, family: I am indebted to each and everyone of you.

Without in any way diminishing the role of others, there are some people I should give special mention. I thank the faculties of New York University, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law for their time and support, in particular Professor Benedict Kingsbury and Cesare Romano in New York as well as Professor William Schabas in Galway. I also thank the other members of the board of examiners of this thesis: Professor John Dugard, Professor Willem van Genugten, Professor Terry Gill and Professor Harmen van der Wilt. A special word of thanks goes to my ‘paranimfen’ Daan Scheepers en Bart de Vries. My colleagues at the Amsterdam Center for International Law and the friendly staff of our Law library made the last four years not only a thoughtful but also a very pleasant experience. Sharing an office with my colleague and friend Jann Kleffner, in particular, was as educating as it was enjoyable. I benefited from the encouragement and dedicated supervision of Professor Erika de Wet. Professor Bert Swart, always thoughtful and interested, led by example. Professor André Nollkaemper was a true mentor from the beginning of this study, guiding me in my approach to the subject and providing continuous support and inspiration. Yet, the inevitable mistakes in this study can be blamed on nobody but my parents, for if it was not for them, I would never have finished it. For their love and support, I will always be grateful.

Amsterdam, 20 April 2005

W.F.