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Sovereign Immunities and the Congo Case: International and Constitutional Law Considerations and their Implications for Hong Kong as a World Financial Center

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The presentation will deal with the basic regimes of sovereign immunities and their potential application in the Congo case, from perspectives of international law and constitutional law. The implications of these issues for Hong Kong as a World Financial Center will be considered where appropriate. The Court of Appeal decision in the case will be analyzed and critiqued, as well as the various suggestions for moving forward.

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