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Company Registration No. 04127150 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	P G Alston R Dehousse P M R J C Dupuy B E Simma J H H Weiler S M H Nouwen	(Appointed 1 April 2022)
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Charity number	1087973	
Company number	04127150	
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Registered office	264 Banbury Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 7DY	
Independent examiner	Shaw Gibbs Limited 264 Banbury Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 7DY	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to advance education in the field of international law by making grants towards charitable activities connected with scholarship, by the publication and dissemination of academic journals for the benefit of the public and by such other exclusively charitable means as the board shall in their absolute discretion determine.

Public benefit

The charity's published journals in the European Journal of International Law and grant making activities are for the benefit of the general public..

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

During the year the company received annual royalty income. The next year should see the continued receipt of royalty income with little expenditure in order to build up the company's capital. The journal continued to encourage and facilitate active discussion of key issues concerning international law and global governance and maintained its position as perhaps the leading journal in its field.

Financial review

As stated above, the charity's reserves policy is to build up the capital by incurring minimal expenditure costs.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The European Journal of International Law Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. Charity number: 1087973. Company number: 4127150. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

P G Alston

R Dehousse

P M R J C Dupuy

B E Simma

J H H Weiler

S M H Nouwen

(Appointed 1 April 2022)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P G Alston

Trustee

3 August 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors of The European Journal of International Law for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The European Journal of International Law (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Samantha Daniels FCA
for and on behalf of
Shaw Gibbs Limited
264 Banbury Road
Oxford
Oxfordshire
OX2 7DY

Dated: 8 August 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
	Notes		
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Activities for generating funds	3	83,329	81,106
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	83,216	73,106
Net income for the year/ Net incoming resources		113	8,000
Other recognised gains and losses			
Other gains or losses	8	8,248	1,629
Net movement in funds		8,361	9,629
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		481,226	471,597
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		489,587	481,226

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All income and expenditure is of an unrestricted nature.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		202		637
Current assets					
Debtors	10	114,629		59,942	
Cash at bank and in hand		404,046		422,047	
		<u>518,675</u>		<u>481,989</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(29,290)</u>		<u>(1,400)</u>	
Net current assets			489,385		480,589
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>489,587</u>		<u>481,226</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			489,587		481,226
			<u>489,587</u>		<u>481,226</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3 August 2023

P G Alston
Trustee

Company registration number 04127150

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The European Journal of International Law Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The registered office is 264 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DY.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Funds held by the charity are all of an unrestricted general nature which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% Straight line
Computers	25% Straight line

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Royalties	36,427	33,204
Office recharges	46,902	47,902
	<u>83,329</u>	<u>81,106</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure	Charitable expenditure
	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	435	435
Book editing costs	66,507	64,045
EJIL: Talk! Blog expenses	9,546	6,317
Meeting expenses	745	184
Computer and website costs	3,783	435
Examiners remuneration	1,660	1,690
	<u>82,676</u>	<u>73,106</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	540	-
	<u>83,216</u>	<u>73,106</u>

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£
Professional fees	540	-	540
	<u>540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	540	-	540
	<u>540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540</u>

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6 Trustees

Computer and website expenses totalling £615 were reimbursed to Joseph Weiler (a Trustee) in the year (2021: £Nil).

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2021: Nil).

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Other gains or losses

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Foreign exchange gains	(8,248)	(1,629)

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	540	1,740	2,280
At 31 December 2022	540	1,740	2,280
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	540	1,103	1,643
Depreciation charged in the year	-	435	435
At 31 December 2022	540	1,538	2,078
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	-	202	202
At 31 December 2021	-	637	637

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	114,565	59,942
Prepayments and accrued income	64	-
	<u>114,629</u>	<u>59,942</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	26,012	-
Other creditors	3,278	1,400
	<u>29,290</u>	<u>1,400</u>

12 Related party transactions

Professor Joseph Weiler and Professor Philip Alston; Trustees of European Journal of International Law, are professors in the Law Department of New York University.

At the year end date a balance of £78,137 (2021: £26,737) was owed by New York University.

NYU supports the charity by reimbursing the costs of maintaining the UK office. During the year the costs totalled £36,537 (2021 - £64,937).

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