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This paper outlines how international and national mass aims programs have been employed over the last two hundred years to redress the consequences of massive wrongs arising out of historical events such as wars, revolutions and other extraordinary incidents, and that have affected a large number of individuals in a similar manner. This paper will focus on the mechanisms used to facilitate financial compensation without considering whether this form of remedy is the most appropriate one from a policy point of view, or indeed from the point of view of the victims themselves. In addition, in terms of the specific consequences of wrongs, we will focus on one particular category of daims, namely those dealing with death and personal injury.

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