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Guardians of Rights: Enforcing and Monitoring International Human Rights Laws

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but an example could be the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar, where allegations of ethnic cleansing and genocide were raised. International human rights mechanisms, such as the International Court of Justice (ICJ), could be used to address these violations by holding Myanmar accountable and seeking justice for the Rohingya people.
2. It is essential to have both international and national mechanisms for enforcing and monitoring human rights because they complement each other. International mechanisms provide a global framework and oversight, while national mechanisms ensure local accountability and access to justice.
3. In a world without international human rights laws or mechanisms for enforcement and monitoring, there may be limited protection for human rights, leading to widespread abuses and impunity for violators.
4. An example of an area needing more attention in terms of enforcement and monitoring could be gender equality. This area is essential because gender-based discrimination and violence persist worldwide. Improvements could involve stronger enforcement of laws, greater awareness, and targeted initiatives to promote gender equality and protect women's rights.

