“Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict”
Selected Online Resources

Protection of Civilians Week: 23 May – 27 May 2022
https://www.unocha.org/protection-civilians-week-2022

Protection of civilians in armed conflict: Reports of the Secretary-General

- S/2022/381 (10 May 2022): http://undocs.org/S/2022/381

Security Council Meetings: “Protection of civilians in armed conflict”
(links to meeting records, presidential statements, resolutions, and press releases)

- **2022**: 25 May, 25 January
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2022
  - S/2022/23 (10 January 2022): Letter dated 10 January 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    http://undocs.org/S/2022/23

- **2021**: 16 July, 25 May, 27 April
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021
  - S/2021/618 (2 July 2021): Letter dated 1 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    http://undocs.org/S/2021/618
Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of humanitarian space", to be held on 16 July 2021.


on protection of civilian infrastructure in armed conflicts


Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population", to be held on 27 Apr. 2021.

- **2020:** 27 April
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)


Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population", to be held on 27 Apr. 2021.

- **2020:** 17 September, 27 May, 29, 21 April
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)


Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of civilians in armed conflict", to be held on 27 May 2020.


- **2019:** 20, 11 June, 23 May


Transmits summary of events held by Member States on the sidelines of the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of civilians in armed conflict" on 21, 22 and 24 May 2019.


on protection of persons with disabilities in armed conflict

on persons missing as a result of armed conflict


2018: 21 September, 24, 22 May
http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018

Transmits updated Aide Memoire for the consideration of issues pertaining to the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

S/2018/684 (10 July 2018): Letter dated 29 June 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:

2017: 25 May
http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2017


S/2017/365 (28 April 2017): Letter dated 26 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/365

2016: 28 September, 10 June, 3 May, 19 January

Transmits recommendations pursuant to para. 13 of Security Council resolution 2286 (2016) on measures to protect medical care in armed conflicts.

Transmits concept note prepared for the High-level open debate on protecting civilians in the context of peacekeeping operations, held 10 June 2016.

on protection of the wounded and sick, medical personnel and humanitarian personnel in armed conflict


2015: 25 November, 27 May, 30 January


on protection of journalists and associated media personnel in armed conflict

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- **2014:** 29 August, 19 August, 12 February
    on protection of humanitarian personnel and UN and associated personnel in armed conflict
    Transmits concept note prepared by the United Kingdom for Security Council open debate on the subject "Protection of civilians in armed conflict" on 12 February 2014.

- **2013:** 19 August, 17 July, 12 February
    Transmits concept note prepared by Argentina for the Security Council open debate on the subject "Protection of civilians in armed conflict" on 19 August 2013.

- **2012:** 25 June

- **2011:** 9 November, 10 May

- **2010:** 22 November, 7 July
    Annex: "Protection of civilians in armed conflict: Aide Memoire"

- **2009:** 11 November, 26 June, 14 January
    Transmits concept paper for the Security Council open debate on the theme "Protection of civilians in armed conflict", to be held on 11 Nov. 2009 under the Austrian Presidency of the Security Council.

- **Further Information:** "Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council"
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/thematic-items#P](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/thematic-items#P)
  - Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict Dashboard:
    [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/research-tools/protection-civilians-armed-conflict](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/research-tools/protection-civilians-armed-conflict)
Children and armed conflict: Reports of the Secretary-General


Security Council Meetings: “Children and armed conflict”
(links to meeting records, presidential statements, resolutions, and press releases)

- Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict:
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/subsidiary/wgcaac

  2021: 29 October, 28 June
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021
    on children and armed conflict
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council high-level open debate on the topic “Children and armed conflict”, to be held on 28 June 2021.

  2020: 10 September, 24 June, 12 February
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
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- S/PRST/2020/3 Statement / by the President of the Security Council [made on behalf of the Security Council, at the 8721nd meeting, 12 Febr., in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled "Children and armed conflict"]:
- S/2020/97 (5 February 2020): Letter dated 5 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:

- **2019**: 2 August

- **2018**: 9 July
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018

- **2017**: 31 October
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2017
    http://undocs.org/S/PRST/2017/21

- **2016**: 2 August
  - S/2016/662 (29 July 2016): Letter dated 29 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    http://undocs.org/S/2016/662
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on children and armed conflict, prepared by Malaysia.

- **2015**: 18 June, 25 March
    Transmits concept note for the open debate on children and armed conflict, prepared by Malaysia.
    Transmits concept note for the open debate on child victims of non-State armed groups, prepared by France.

- **2014**: 7 March
    Transmits concept note for the open debate, prepared by Luxembourg.

- **2013**: 17 June
  - S/PRST/2013/8: Statement / by the President of the Security Council: [made on behalf of the Security Council, at the 6980th meeting, 17 June 2013, in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled "Children and armed conflict"]:
    http://undocs.org/S/PRST/2013/8

- **Further Information**: “Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council”
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/thematic-items#C
Selected UN Publications & further UN documents

- UN documents on "UN Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict": https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/digital-library/reports/
- S/2019/100 (31 January 2019): Letter dated 31 January 2019 from the representatives of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2019/100
- A/68/787 (7 March 2014): Evaluation of the implementation and results of protection of civilians mandates in United Nations peacekeeping operations: Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services; "Peacekeeping missions with protection of civilians mandates focus on prevention and mitigation activities and force is almost never used to protect civilians under attack": http://undocs.org/A/68/787

Further Information

- Audiovisual Library of International Law
• United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict: http://www.refworld.org/civilians.html
• United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) - Themes - Protection: http://www.unocha.org/themes/protection
• Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict: http://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/
• Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict: http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/
• United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
  o Armed violence reduction: http://www.unicef.org/protection/57929_58011.html
  o Child recruitment by armed forces or armed groups: http://www.unicef.org/protection/57929_58007.html
• The United Nations and the Rule of Law: https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/
• UNRIC Library Backgrounder – “Responsibility to Protect“ (“RtoP” or “R2P”): https://unric.org/en/unric-library-backgrounder-r2p

Non-UN Sources
• International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) - Protecting civilians: https://www.icrc.org/en/war-and-law/protected-persons/civilians