“Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict”
Selected Online Resources

Protection of Civilians Week: 22 - 25 May 2023
https://www.unocha.org/protection-civilians-week-2023

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**: 15 September, 25 May, 25 January

- **2021**: 16 July, 25 May, 27 April
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vc)
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
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021
    Transmits concept note and guidelines for the Security Council open high-level video teleconference on the topic "Protection of civilians in armed conflict", to be held on 27 May 2020.
    Transmits copy of the briefings by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Executive Director of the World Food Programme and the Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council and of the statements delivered by the representatives of Belgium, China, Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Niger, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States and Viet Nam, in connection with the videoconference convened on 21 Apr. 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

- **2017**: 25 May

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

- **2015**: 25 November, 27 May, 30 January

• 2014: 29 August, 19 August, 12 February
    on protection of humanitarian personnel and UN and associated personnel in armed conflict

• 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.
  o S/2013/393 (3 July 2013): http://undocs.org/S/2013/393
  o S/2013/75 (5 February 2013): http://undocs.org/S/2013/75

• 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
  o Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict Dashboard:
    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:**

  - **2023:** 13 February

  - **2022:** 19 July

  - **2021:** 29 October, 28 June
    [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 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](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)


2019: 2 August


2018: 9 July


2017: 31 October


2016: 2 August


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

**Further information:** "Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council"
[https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/thematic-items#C](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”:
- 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](http://undocs.org/A/68/787)
- Aide Memoire for the consideration of issues pertaining to the protection of civilians in armed conflict – 6th edition (OCHA Policy and Studies Series, 2016):
  [https://www.unocha.org/sites/unocha/files/Aide%20Memoire%202016%20II_0.pdf](https://www.unocha.org/sites/unocha/files/Aide%20Memoire%202016%20II_0.pdf)
  [http://i.unu.edu/media/iunu.edu/publication/31142/R2P_POC_Policy_Guide.pdf](http://i.unu.edu/media/iunu.edu/publication/31142/R2P_POC_Policy_Guide.pdf)
- Children and conflict (Disarmament forum, three, 2011):
• A New Partnership Agenda: Charting a New Horizon for UN Peacekeeping (Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Field Support, July 2009): https://peacekeeping.un.org/sites/default/files/newhorizon_0.pdf
• Reports on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict in Afghanistan (UNAMA): https://unama.unmissions.org/protection-of-civilians-reports

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 conflict: https://www.unicef.org/topics/armed-conflict
  o Children Under Attack: https://www.unicef.org/children-under-attack
  o Children recruited by armed forces or armed groups: https://www.unicef.org/protection/children-recruited-by-armed-forces
• 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