“Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict”
Selected Online Resources

A/RES/ES-10/22: Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations / Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2023:
https://undocs.org/A/RES/ES-10/22
A/RES/ES-10/21: Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations / Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 27 October 2023:
https://undocs.org/A/RES/ES-10/21

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)

- **2024**: 20 March, 27 February

- **2023**: 23 May
  - S/2023/307 (3 May 2023): Letter dated 1 May 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council high-level open debate at the ministerial level on "Ensuring the security and dignity of civilians in conflict: addressing food insecurity and protecting essential services", to be held on 23 May 2023.

- **2022**: 15 September, 25 May, 25 January
  - 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:

- **2021**: 16 July, 25 May, 27 April
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)
  - 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:
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on the topic "Protection of humanitarian space", to be held on 16 July 2021.
  - S/2021/468 (14 May 2021): Letter dated 14 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council:
    on protection of civilian infrastructure in armed conflicts
  - S/2021/335 (7 April 2021): Letter dated 6 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    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)
  - S/2020/402 (8 May 2020): Letter dated 14 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General:
    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.
  - S/2020/340 (29 April 2020): Letter dated 23 April 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council:
    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

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

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

2016:
28 September, 10 June, 3 May, 19 January
o S/2016/503:  
Transmits concept note prepared for the High-level open debate on protecting civilians in the context of peacekeeping operations, held 10 June 2016.

o S/RES/2286 (2016):  

2015: 25 November, 27 May, 30 January  


o S/2014/74 (3 February 2014):  

2014: 29 August, 19 August, 12 February  


o S/2013/447 (1 August 2013):  
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/PRST/2013/2: Statement / by the President of the Security Council [made on behalf of the Security Council, at the 6917th meeting, 12 Feb. 2013, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Protection of civilians in armed conflict"]:  
http://undocs.org/S/PRST/2013/2

2013: 19 August, 17 July, 12 February  

o S/2013/393 (3 July 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

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:
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/subsidiary/wgcaac

2024: 3 April
http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2024
  Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on "Addressing the consequences of the denial of humanitarian access for children", to be held on 3 Apr. 2024.
- **2023**: 5 July, 13 February
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council open debate on "Children and armed conflict: how to prevent and respond to grave violations against children in armed conflict", to be held 5 July 2023.
- **2022**: 19 July
    Transmits concept note for the Security Council high-level open debate on "Children and armed conflict", to be held 19 July 2022.
- **2021**: 29 October, 28 June
  [http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)
    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](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)
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- **2019**: 2 August

- **2018**: 9 July

- **2017**: 31 October

- **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:
    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"]:

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":


- E/CN.6/2020/7 (16 December 2019): Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General:
• 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/70/709 (2 February 2016): One humanity: shared responsibility: report of the Secretary-General for the World Humanitarian Summit: http://undocs.org/A/70/709,
http://sgreport.worldhumanitariansummit.org/
• 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
• 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%Membre%202016%20II_0.pdf
• 20 years to better protect children affected by conflict (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, 2016):
  https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4015522
• Protect schools + hospitals: guidance note on Security Council Resolution 1998 (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, 2014):
  https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4016099
• Enhancing Protection Capacity: Policy Guide to the Responsibility to Protect and the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts (UNU, 2012):
  http://i.unu.edu/media/unu.edu/publication/31142/R2P_POC_Policy_Guide.pdf
• International Legal Protection of Human Rights in Armed Conflict (OHCHR, 2011):
• 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
  o Child Rights, Conflict, and International Criminal Justice / Diane Marie Amann:
    https://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Amann_HR.html
• United Nations Peacekeeping - Protection of Civilians:
• Strengthening protection: 20 years of Protection of Civilians in UN Peacekeeping (22 October 2019): http://bit.ly/2oVDy1I
• 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