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UN-ILC DRAFT PRINCIPLES PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICTS

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Triple crises

2022

Universal human right

PERAC - UN International Law Commission – General Assembly -

Direct – indirect damages

SILENT VICTIM OF WAR

• 2013 (2009) - 2022

- they were developed from:International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Environmental Law, Human Rights Law and other fields of law, practice of states and non-state actors
- **temporal scope**, they apply *before*, *during* and *after* armed conflicts, and *in situations of occupation*.
- they apply to international- and non-international armed conflicts

other legal initiatives

- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) updated its environmental guidelines for militaries
- the rules protecting water infrastructure, and the standards for assisting victims affected by toxic remnants of war
- to define the crime of ecocide in international law

THE FOUR GROUPS OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. during armed conflict
- 2. in situation of occupation
- 3. after armed conflict
- 4. general application principles

DP12 Martens Clause with respect to the protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict DP13 General protection of the natural environment during armed conflict armed conflicts (PERAC) DP14 Application of the law of armed conflict to the natural environment **DP15** Environmental considerations **DP16** Prohibition of reprisals **Principles applicable DP17** Protected zones during armed conflict peoples **DP18** Prohibition of pillage **DP19** Environmental modification techniques DP20 General obligations of an Occupying Power Principles of general Principles applicable in application situations of occupation DP21 Sustainable use of natural resources **DP22** Due diligence **DP23** Peace processes **Principles** applicable **DP24** Sharing and granting access to information after armed conflict DP25 Post-armed conflict environmental assessments and remedial measures **DP26** Relief and assistance **DP27** Remnants of war **DP28** Remnants of war at sea CEOBS

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UN International Law Commission's draft principles on the Protection of the environment in relation to

DP3 Measures to enhance the protection of the environment

DP4 Designation of protected zones

DP5 Protection of the environment of indigenous

DP6 Agreements concerning the presence of military forces in relation to armed conflicts

DP7 Peace operations

DP8 Human displacement

DP9 State responsibility

DP10 Corporate due diligence

DP11 Corporate liability

In 2019, the Commission provisionally adopted 28 draft principles intended to enhance protection for the environment in relation to armed conflicts. They are expected to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2022 after states and other stakeholders have submitted their views. For the full text of the draft principles, see United Nations document A/CN.4/L.937



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