

**Forum:** Human Rights Council

**Question of:** Protecting Civilians from Sexual and Military Violence in  
Combat Zones



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1 The Human Rights Council,

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3 *Reaffirming* the commitment of the Charter of the United Nations to human rights in wartime,

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5 *Recalling* the mandate of the United Nations peacekeeping troops to protect civilian lives,

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7 *Recognizing* the United Nations commitment to protecting civilians as seen by previous  
8 relevant resolutions including 1265 (1999), 1296 (2000), 1674 (2006), 1738 (2006), 1894  
9 (2009), and 2222 (2015),

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11 *Noting with appreciation* the passing of resolution 1820 (2008), which urges the Secretary-  
12 General and United Nations institutions to fight against violence against women in order to  
13 prevent it,

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15 1. **Strongly urges** all UN member states to fully acknowledge their already existing  
16 contracts such as but not limited to:

- 17 a. the Geneva Conventions,  
18 b. the contracts of the OPCW,  
19 c. the ATT;

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21 2. **Calls upon** UN agencies, independent organizations and governments to:

- 22 a. raise awareness about civilian victims of sexual and military violence,  
23 b. try to secure human rights for civilians in war zones;

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25 3. **Supports** measures to protect non-combatants in war zones from:

- 26 a. military violence,  
27 b. sexual abuse and rape,  
28 c. terrorism;

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30 4. **Affirms** the responsibility of the UNHCR to:

- 31 a. help those who need protection from sexual and military violence,  
32 b. further supply civilians in war zones with:  
33 i. medicine,  
34 ii. clean water,  
35 iii. nourishment,  
36 iv. and other necessary goods;

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38 5. **Urges** all member states to stop all strikes on civilian facilities, like mentioned in  
39 clause 14;

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41 6. **Calls for** regular vaccine truces like the ones that took place during the Civil War in  
42 El Salvador from 1985 on;

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- 44 7. **Requests** the UN Security Council to live up to their tasks and send enough UN  
45 troops to the states in need, if requested;  
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- 47 8. **Strongly urges** all involved parties to renounce the use of weapons of mass  
48 destruction either biological, chemical or nuclear;  
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- 50 9. **Recommends** better institutional security cooperation on international level,  
51 regarding sexual and military violence, which will help the special court named in  
52 clause 10, including:  
53 a. communication,  
54 b. data-exchange;  
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- 56 10. **Calls for** a special national and international court for cases of sexual and military  
57 violence that would:  
58 a. prosecute offenders,  
59 b. control UN workers to avoid further sexual exploitation;  
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- 61 11. **Proposes** that all UN member states include educational courses about sexual  
62 violence in their respective military training that would make the soldiers:  
63 a. more aware of the consequences of their actions,  
64 b. more aware of the cultural differences between the country they come from  
65 and the country they serve in,  
66 c. behave like a legal army that avoids using sexual and military violence;  
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- 68 12. **Expresses its hope** to end the recruitment and use of child soldiers and start their  
69 rehabilitation and reintegration into society by:  
70 a. training UN-soldiers for this specific end,  
71 b. encouraging NGOs in combat zone to look after the affected children and help  
72 them to reintegrate through different programs;  
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- 74 13. **Encourages** the United Nations to provide financial aid to the victims of sexual and  
75 military violence in combat zones to implement all of the above clauses;  
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- 77 14. **Encourages** all parties to avoid attacking:  
78 a. schools,  
79 b. hospitals,  
80 c. electricity,  
81 to ensure:  
82 d. nourishment, like such as but not limited to:  
83 i. clean water,  
84 ii. daily ration,  
85 e. functioning education,  
86 f. functioning health system.