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## ***LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON***

**GREETINGS DELEGATES!**

**IT GIVES ME UTMOST PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT SNIS MUN 3.0, THIS YEAR, THE DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATIONS AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL CENTRE AROUND THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT.**

**THIS TOPIC IS A PERSONAL FAVOURITE OF MINE BECAUSE IT DELVES DEEP INTO SC DIPLOMACY CONCERNS AND ISSUES.**

**I UNDERSTAND IF SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE TROUBLE NAVIGATING THE NUANCES OF THIS COMMITTEE DUE TO THIS BEING YOUR FIRST MUN CONFERENCE, OR SIMPLY DUE TO THE COMPLEX NATURE OF THE AGENDA.**

**HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO REASSURE YOU BY TELLING YOU THAT AS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING YOU WITH AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE, AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN OUR CAPACITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A COMFORTABLE POSITION DURING THE CONFERENCE. THAT BEING SAID, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN ONLY HELP YOU AS LONG AS YOU HELP YOURSELVES.**

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STRESS UPON THE FACT THAT THIS BACKGROUND GUIDE IS ONLY A STARTING POINT FOR YOUR RESEARCH, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR RESEARCH EXTENDS WAY BEYOND WHAT IS MENTIONED IN THIS DOCUMENT.**

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT AT A MUN CONFERENCE, EVERY SINGLE PERSON IS UNIQUE. EACH INDIVIDUAL IN A COMMITTEE BRINGS A PARTICULAR SKILL SET OR TALENT THAT IS COMPLETELY PECULIAR TO THEM. SO, MAYBE YOU DON'T RECEIVE AN AWARD AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE, OR MAYBE YOU DON'T LEAVE COMMITTEE WITH THE OUTCOME YOU WERE HOPING FOR. THAT'S OKAY. REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE AS VALUABLE A CONTRIBUTION AS ANYONE ELSE, AND MOVE FORWARD. THE JOURNEY AHEAD IS LONG, AND IT HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER. I'M SURE ALL OF YOU WILL PERFORM TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITIES IN COMMITTEE, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THAT ON THE 14TH AND 15TH OF OCTOBER.

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST!

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE:-** THESE ARE THE FORMAL BASIC RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR A MUN

THIS COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW UNA-USA PROCEDURE

**ROLL CALL:-**

1. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SESSION CHAIRPERSONS SHALL CALL IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ON ALL DELEGATES IN ORDER TO STATE THEIR STATUS OF ATTENDANCE. DELEGATES MAY SIMPLY REPLY \"PRESENT\" OR \"PRESENT AND VOTING\". REPRESENTATIVES STATING JUST \"PRESENT AND VOTING\" SHALL HAVE NO RIGHT TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY VOTE ON THE SUBSTANTIAL MATTER.

2. IF ANY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT PRESENT DURING THE ROLL CALL, UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THEY SHALL SEND A NOTE TO THE CHAIRPERSONS CLARIFYING THEIR STATUS OF PRESENCE.

**QUORUM:-** 1. QUORUM IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES WHO NEED TO BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO OPEN A SESSION FOR THE DEBATE. 2. THE QUORUM IS MET WHEN AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF ALL DELEGATES REGISTERED ARE PRESENT AT THE COMMITTEE SESSION. THE QUORUM SHALL BE VERIFIED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SESSION BY THE ROLL CALL.

# **DEBATE-**

## **DEBATE IN MODEL UN CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. FORMAL DEBATE (GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST)**
- 2. MODERATED CAUCUS**
- 3. UN-MODERATED CAUCUS**

## **GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST- GSL**

**1. THE GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST SHOWS THE ORDER OF SPEAKERS FOR THE TOPIC BEING ON THE AGENDA AND IS OPEN FOR THE WHOLE DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**2. ONCE THE SPEAKER'S LIST IS OPEN, ANY DELEGATE CAN BE ADDED TO THE SPEAKER'S LIST BY BEING RECOGNIZED BY RAISING THEIR HAND DURING THE CALL MADE BY CHAIRS.**

**3. THE DELEGATE ALREADY ADDED TO THE SPEAKER'S LIST CANNOT BE ADDED FOR THE SECOND TIME. ONCE THE DELEGATE MAKES HIS SPEECH, HE/SHE CAN SUBMIT A REQUEST TO BE PUT ON THE SPEAKER'S LIST AGAIN. THE DELEGATE CAN ALSO WITHDRAW HIMSELF FROM THE SPEAKER'S LIST BY SENDING A NOTE TO THE CHAIRS.**

**4. SPEAKING TIME FOR THE GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST IS SET TO 90 SECONDS. THE TIME LIMIT CAN BE ALTERED BY A MOTION TO CHANGE THE SPEAKER'S TIME.**

5. IF THERE IS A MOTION ADOPTED ALTERING THE MODE OF THE DEBATE, THE GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE MOTION AND SHALL BE RESUMED AFTERWARD.

6. ONCE THE SPEAKER'S LIST IS EXHAUSTED, THE DEBATE IS CONSIDERED CLOSED AND THE COMMITTEE AUTOMATICALLY MOVES INTO THE VOTING PROCEDURE ON THE DOCUMENT WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE SET TOPIC.

7. THE SPEAKER'S LIST IS OPEN JUST FOR THE TOPIC CURRENTLY BEING ON THE AGENDA.

### ***MODERATED CAUCUS***

1. THE MODERATED CAUCUS IS AIMED TO FACILITATE AND ACCELERATE THE DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES DEEMED AS ESSENTIAL AND CRITICAL FOR THE TOPIC ON THE AGENDA. INSTEAD OF BEING ADDED TO THE GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST, DELEGATES WISHING TO SPEAK SHALL RAISE THEIR HANDS AND BE CALLED UPON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRS.

2. THE MOTION FOR THE MODERATED CAUCUS CAN BE INTRODUCED BY ANY OF THE DELEGATES ONCE THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR POINTS AND MOTIONS. THE DELEGATE SHALL SPECIFY THE TOTAL TIME OF THE

MOTION (NOT EXCEEDING 20 MINUTES), INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER'S TIME FOR EACH OF THE DELEGATES (NOT EXCEEDING THE SPEAKER'S TIME SET FOR THE GENERAL SPEAKER'S LIST) AND THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION. THE PURPOSE, I.E. THE TOPIC OF THE MOTION SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE ISSUE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED ON THE AGENDA AND SHALL BE MORE PARTICULAR THAT THE GENERAL TOPIC OF THE DISCUSSION.

3. A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM IS REQUIRED FOR THE MOTION TO PASS. IN CASE THAT THERE ARE MORE MODERATED CAUCUSES PROPOSED, THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE UPON THEM IN DESCENDING ORDER ACCORDING TO THE TOTAL TIME OF THE CAUCUS (I.E. FROM THE LONGEST TO THE SHORTEST) AS SET BY THE CHAIRS.

4. IN CASE THAT THE DELEGATE WILL NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WHOLE ALLOTTED TIME AS-SIGNED TO HIM/HER, THE REMAINING TIME AND THE OOR IS BEING YIELDED TO THE CHAIRPERSONS AUTOMATICALLY. DURING THE MODERATED CAUCUS THE DELEGATE CANNOT YIELD TIME TO OTHER DELEGATIONS OR INQUIRIES.

5. IF NO DELEGATES ARE WISHING TO SPEAK, THE MODERATED CAUCUS MAY BE CLOSED AT THE DISCRETION OF CHAIRPERSON AND THE COMMITTEE WILL RETURN BACK TO THE GENERAL SPEAKERS LIST.



6. A MODERATED CAUCUS CAN BE EXTENDED TWICE AS LONG AS THE TOTAL TIME OF THE CAUCUS DOES NOT EXCEED THE TIMEFRAME OF THE PREVIOUS ONE.

7. THE MOTION CAN BE RULED OUT OF ORDER AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRS- SUCH DECISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

### ***UNMODERATED CAUCUS***

1. UNMODERATED CAUCUS IS THE MOST INFORMAL OUT OF ALL FORMS OF DEBATE, DURING WHICH DELEGATES ARE ABLE TO FREELY DISCUSS ALL ISSUES WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, LOBBY FOR THEIR INTERESTS, RESOLVE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOPIC ON THE AGENDA AND CREATE WORKING PAPERS AND RESOLUTIONS.

2. A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM IS REQUIRED FOR THE MOTION TO PASS. IN CASE THAT THERE ARE MORE UNMODERATED CAUCUSES PROPOSED, THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE UPON THEM IN DESCENDING ORDER ACCORDING TO THE TOTAL TIME OF THE CAUCUS (I.E. FROM THE LONGEST TO THE SHORTEST) AS SET BY THE CHAIRS. AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS CAN BE EXTENDED TWICE AS LONG AS THE TOTAL TIME OF THE CAUCUS DOES NOT EXCEED THE TIMEFRAME OF THE PREVIOUS ONE.

3. THE MOTION CAN BE RULED OUT OF ORDER AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRS- SUCH DECISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

## **POINTS**

1. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - A DELEGATE MAY RAISE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE IN CASE OF WHICHEVER KIND OF PERSONAL DISCOMFORT WHICH PREVENTS HIM FROM FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE DEBATE. SUCH THINGS CAN BE FOR EXAMPLE AUDIBILITY OF OTHER SPEAKERS, SWITCHING OF AIR-CONDITIONING ETC. A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE CAN INTERRUPT SPEAKER ONLY IN THE CASE OF BAD AUDIBILITY

2. POINT OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY - A DELEGATE MAY RAISE A POINT OF PARLIA-MENTARY INQUIRY IN ORDER TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY THE CHAIRPERSONS. SUCH POINT MAY NOT INTERRUPT SPEAKERS AND CAN BE INTRODUCED ONLY WHEN THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR POINTS AND MOTIONS

3. POINT OF ORDER - POINT OF ORDERS ARE RAISED AFTER A DELEGATE'S SPEECH AND ARE OF TWO TYPES: LOGICAL FALLACY: IF AN ARGUMENT MADE BY THE DELEGATE HAD A MAJOR LOGICAL LAW THEN THIS TYPE OF POINT OF ORDER SHOULD BE RAISED. DELEGATES SHOULD NOT ABUSE THIS AND IT IS UP TO THE CHAIRPERSONS' DISCRETION. FACTUAL INACCURACY: IF AN FACT, GURE OR STATISTIC WAS MISSTATED BY A DELEGATE, THIS TYPE OF POINT OF ORDER SHOULD BE RAISED.

4. POINT OF INFORMATION - A DELEGATE MAY RAISE THIS POINT FOLLOWING ANOTHER DELEGATE'S SPEECH IF THEY WISH TO POSE A QUESTION TO THAT DELEGATE. THE QUESTION POSED SHOULD BE CONCISE AND DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DELEGATE'S SPEECH. IT IS UP TO THE CHAIRPERSONS' DISCRETION IF THIS POINT IS CONSIDERED.

## ***RIGHT TO REPLY***

1. A DELEGATE WHOSE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL INTEGRITY OR SOVEREIGNTY HAS BEEN CONTESTED MAY RAISE A RIGHT TO REPLY. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL DECIDE TO GIVE A CERTAIN TIME LIMIT TO THE DELEGATE TO RESPOND AND TO RULE WHETHER THE RIGHT TO REPLY IS IN ORDER. THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

2. THE RIGHT TO REPLY CAN ALSO CONCERN ANY CASE OF PERSONAL INSULTS OR CHALLENGES

## ***CRISIS NOTES***

AS ALL OF YOU MOST LIKELY ARE AWARE THAT THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE A SEMI-CRISIS COMMITTEE, CRISIS NOTES ARE QUITE IMPORTANT IN A CRISIS OR A SEMI-CRISIS COMMITTEE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DIRECTIVES SHOULD NOT BE YOUR MAIN PRIORITY SINCE WE ARE STILL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND DEBATE AND DIPLOMACY SHOULD BE YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY;  
ON THAT NOTE THE FORMATS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BELOW WILL HAVE TO BE THE FORMAT FOR DIRECTIVES/COMMUNIQUEES.

***NOTE: PRE-WRITTEN DIRECTIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED AND ARE TO BE DEALT ACCORDINGLY***



## ***TYPES OF DIRECTIVES***

TYPES OF DIRECTIVES COME UNDER 2 CRITERIAS

- 1) NUMBER OF PEOPLE
- 2) SECRECY

***NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAS 3 SUBDIVISIONS:***

**INDIVIDUAL DIRECTIVE:** IT IS A DIRECTIVE SENT BY ONE AND ONLY ONE COUNTRY/ALLOTMENT.

***JOINT DIRECTIVE:***

IT IS A DIRECTIVE SENT BY TWO OR MORE ALLOTMENTS/COUNTRY

***COMMITTEE WIDE DIRECTIVE:***

IT IS A DIRECTIVE SENT BY ALMOST THE WHOLE COMMITTEE. IT IS THE RESOLUTION TYPE IN A CRISIS COMMITTEE, WITH AMENDMENTS, DELETION AND ADDITION OF CLAUSES AND VOTED ON THE AMENDMENTS AND THE WHOLE DIRECTIVE AT THE END. AFFECTS THE COMMITTEE DRASTICALLY.

## ***SECRECY HAS 2 SUBDIVISIONS;***

### ***COVERT/SECRET/CLOSED DIRECTIVE:***

THIS IS THE TYPE OF DIRECTIVE THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO USE FOR THE MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE IF ANYTHING 'SHADY' IS TO BE DONE IN COMMITTEE BY YOU TO NOT REVEAL THE PERSON WHO DID IT IF IT PASSES.

EXAMPLE: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS

***OVERT/OPEN/OPEN DIRECTIVE:*** THIS IS THE TYPE OF DIRECTIVE THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO USE FOR THE NOT SO 'SHADY' THINGS, IT WILL REVEAL DONE BY WHO IF PASSES  
EXAMPLE: STARTING A FUND OR UNION

***NOTE:*** THESE ARE NOT ONLY FOR DIRECTIVES BUT ARE THE SAME CRITERIAS FOR THE COMMUNIQUES, BOTH CRITERIAS ARE MAINTAINED EXCEPT NO COMMITTEE-WIDE COMMUNIQUE SINCE THEY FOLLOW THE SAME PREMISES AS A COMMITTEE-WIDE DIRECTIVE

COMMUNIQUES ARE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HELP OR SUPPORT  
EXAMPLE: JOE BIDEN, PRESIDENT OF USA

# ***INDIVIDUAL/JOINT COMMUNIQUE FORMAT***

## ***INDIVIDUAL/JOINT COVERT/OVERT COMMUNIQUE OPERATION XYZ (NOT MANDATORY)***

***TO:*** EXECUTIVE BOARD AND (WHOMEVER YOU WANT TO CONTACT)

***FROM:*** DELEGATE OF ABC (ALL DELEGATES HAVE TO BE MENTIONED IN JOINT DIRECTIVE)

***PLAN OF ACTION:*** DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN IN POINTS

***OUTCOME:*** WHAT SHOULD BE THE BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR YOUR DIRECTIVE PASSING FULLY

## **COMMITTEE-WIDE DIRECTIVE FORMAT**

### **COMMITTEE-WIDE DIRECTIVE OPERATION XYZ (NOT MANDATORY)**

**TO:** EXECUTIVE BOARD

**AUTHOR:** DELEGATE OF XYZ (MAX: 2) **SIGNATORIES:** (ALL DELEGATES THAT SUPPORT OR ARE INVOLVED IN THE DIRECTIVE)

**REQUIREMENTS:** (WHATEVER IS GOING TO BE USED DURING THE DIRECTIVE AND ENSURE YOUR COUNTRY ACTUALLY HAS THESE REQUIREMENTS OR BORROW IT VIA COMMUNIQUE)

**PLAN OF ACTION:** DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN IN POINTS

**OUTCOME:** WHAT SHOULD BE THE BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR YOUR DIRECTIVE PASSING FULLY



## ***HISTORY OF RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT***

ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022, THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION DECLARED A 'SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION' AGAINST UKRAINE, WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AN INVASION BY MANY NATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND ULTIMATELY A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 2(4) OF THE UN CHARTER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN CALLED A 'CRIME OF AGGRESSION' UNDER INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW.

WHEN RUSSIA ANNEXED CRIMEA IN 2014, CLASHES BETWEEN PRO- RUSSIAN SEPARATISTS AND THE UKRAINIAN MILITARY TOOK PLACE IN THE EASTERN PARTS OF UKRAINE- IN THE REGION CALLED THE DONBAS REGION, WHICH INCLUDES DONETSK AND LUHANSK (BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN QUASI-STATES RULED BY RUSSIA AND RUSSIAN SEPARATISTS- AND HAVE ALSO BEEN RECOGNISED AS INDEPENDENT STATES IN PUTIN'S FAMOUS SPEECH ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2022).

IN 2021 ITSELF, RUSSIA HAD BEGUN INCREASING ITS MILITARY PRESENCE ALONG THE UKRAINIAN BORDER, WHILE DENYING ANY AND ALL ALLEGATIONS OF HAVING PLANS TO INVADE UKRAINE. HOWEVER, ON 24TH FEBRUARY, PUTIN TELEVISED ANOTHER SPEECH, AND UNDER THE PRETEXT OF PROTECTING "PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ABUSE AND GENOCIDE", JUSTIFIES THE INVASION OF UKRAINE. PUTIN ALSO CLAIMS THAT THIS IS DONE FOR THE DENAZIFICATION OF UKRAINE.

## ***RUSSIA'S DEFENCE***

RUSSIA HAS CLAIMED THAT THIS OPERATION IS JUSTIFIED UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER, WHICH STATES THAT "NOTHING IN THE PRESENT CHARTER SHALL IMPAIR THE INHERENT RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENCE IF AN ARMED ATTACK OCCURS AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UNTIL THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN MEASURES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY." (THIS LAW, ACTING AS AN EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 2(4), PRESERVES THE RIGHT OF MEMBER STATES TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST 'ARMED ATTACKS', TO ENGAGE IN 'COLLECTIVE SELF DEFENCE'. IT SHOULD FURTHER BE NOTED THAT RUSSIA'S DEFENCE HAS BEEN THAT OF HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION (WHICH IS A DISPUTED LEGAL CONCEPT) TO PROTECT RUSSIAN SPEAKERS IN THE DONBAS REGION.

## ***REACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS***

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RUSSIAN INVASION: WITH A 11-5 MAJORITY AND 35 COUNTRIES ABSTAINING. THE RESOLUTION CALLED UPON RUSSIA TO ABIDE BY THE UN CHARTER AND THE 1970, DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

## ***ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS***

RUSSIA HAS ACCUSED UKRAINE OF TARGETTED SHELLING OF ETHNIC RUSSIANS IN THE DONBAS REGION, AND OF COMMITTING 'GENOCIDE' AGAINST ETHNIC RUSSIANS. FURTHERMORE, UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED VIDEOS OF CAPTURED RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA- MANY SHOWN BEING HUMILIATED AND INTIMIDATED- HENCE VIOLATING ARTICLE 13 OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, RUSSIAN SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDERING CIVILIANS, WHICH IS PROHIBITED EVEN DURING ARMED CONFLICTS IN THE ARTICLE 51 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL.

THE UKRAINE AUTHORITIES ESTIMATE THAT DUE TO RUSSIA'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES, 900 PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS OF UKRAINE HAVE BEEN AECTED AND AN ESTIMATED 1.2 MILLION HECTARES, OR ABOUT 30% OF ALL PROTECTED AREAS OF UKRAINE, SUER FROM THE EECTS OF WAR. ARTICLE 55 OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL 1 STATES THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN WARFARE TO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AGAINST 'WIDESPREAD, LONG TERM, AND SEVERE' DAMAGE. RUSSIA HAS ALSO BEEN ACCUSED OF ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS; 8 JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE OPERATION. ARTICLE 79 OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL 1 STATES THAT JOURNALISTS ENGAGED IN AREAS OF ARMED CONFLICT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS CIVILIANS WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE 50, PARAGRAPH 1.

NOTE: THIS LIST STATES ONLY A FEW OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF HR VIOLATIONS DUE TO THE CONFLICT.