

Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Call for inputs from State Militaries and Peacekeeping Institutes

Deadline: 15 May 2022

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities on armed conflict and disability – the conduct of hostilities, military operations and peacekeeping operations

Pursuant to [Human Rights Council Resolution 44/10](#), the [Special Rapporteur on the rights of person with disabilities](#) has begun the preparation of his thematic report to the 77th session of the General Assembly which will be presented in [October 2022](#), which will look at **the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of armed conflict, with a particular focus on the conduct of hostilities, military operations, and peacekeeping operations.**

Recognizing the application of Article 11 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during armed conflict,¹ the specific obligation to protect and consider persons with disabilities during armed conflict within the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977,² and the reaffirmation of these requirements by UN Security Council in Resolution 2475 (2019),³ the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is seeking inputs on efforts to implement a disability perspective into training and educational courses for weapon bearers during the conduct of hostilities, military operations within an armed conflict, and peacekeeping operations.

1. How has your institution changed its training and educational courses for weapon bearers to reflect the international humanitarian law obligation to specifically protect and consider persons with disabilities during the conduct of hostilities, military operations within an armed conflict, and peacekeeping operations?
2. How do your trainings and educational courses for weapon bearers on the protection of civilians specifically address the protection needs of persons with disabilities during the conduct of hostilities, military operations during armed conflict, and peacekeeping operations?
3. Please provide detailed examples of courses, trainings, and/or curricula for weapon bearers that discuss the obligations under international humanitarian law to provide specific protection for and consideration of persons with disabilities during the conduct of hostilities, military operations during armed conflict, and peacekeeping operations.
4. Does your institution consult with persons with disabilities, organizations of persons with disabilities, or their representative organizations to develop training and educational courses for weapon bearers on

¹ “States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, *including international humanitarian law* and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, *including situations of armed conflict*, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.” Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, [A/RES/61/106](#), at Art. 11 (24 Jan. 2007).

² ICRC, How law protects persons with disabilities in armed conflict (13 Dec. 2017) at https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/62399/how_law_protects_persons_with_disabilities_in_war.pdf; ICRC, International Humanitarian Law and the Challenges of Contemporary Armed Conflicts, Chapter 3 (22 Nov. 2019) at https://www.icrc.org/sites/default/files/document/file_list/challenges-report_the-needs-of-civilians-in-increasingly-long-conflicts.pdf.

³ U.N. Security Council Resolution 2475, (20 June 2019) at [https://undocs.org/s/res/2475\(2019\)](https://undocs.org/s/res/2475(2019)).

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how to specifically address their protection needs during the conduct of hostilities, military operations during armed conflict, and peacekeeping operations?

5. Does your institution collect any data on the impact of military operations on persons with disabilities as a tool to better inform and guide improvement of your training and educational courses?

Inputs may be sent via e-mail in accessible format (Word document) to ohchr-sr.disability@un.org . **All submissions must be received by 15 May 2022.**

When submitting a reply, contributors are kindly asked to indicate any objections with regard to the submission being made publicly available on this webpage.

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