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Issue:	**Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts**
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Overview

In March 2001, the UN calls to build the mechanism of protecting unarmed citizens in conflict areas. Unarmed citizens are not only face a huge possibility of beening killed, but also surrender to illigal detention, lack of access to food, water and health care materials, and Sexual violence. Children in conflict are very likely to apart from their family, and they are usually forced to be child solder or sexual slave. Lack of protection to citizen in serious conflict terifies people to migrate, which would further deteriorate the economy of a country during and after the conflict.

The responsibility of protecting civilians belong to government. However, in many cases, government, party, or different political side intendedly murder civilians to gain control of the situation, and lack of capacity to protect. Many protections of Civilians in the conflict area are questionable and there is lack of restriction and censorship to effectively protect citizens. The delayed response to conflict area results in massive death, and make the international community fear to take responsibility in the conflict.

Key Terms

Civilian

Persons who are not members of military or paramilitary forces or fighters of organized armed groups of a party to a conflict

Foreign military bases

The purpose of foreign troop is to maintain the security and international peace.

Conscription

Compulsorily forcing civilians to be a proactive part in an armed action.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Act

The acted signed in 1948. Signed after the end of World War II in 1948, the Declaration forbids practices such as torture (Article 5) regardless as to whether the person is a civilian or not.

Important Events/Timelines

Date	Event
Aug, 12 1949	The forth Geneva Convention which regulated the protection of civilians during war has been adopted.
Sep, 1950	MacArthur, the American general stated during the Korean War, "The problem of avoiding the killing of innocent civilians and damages to the civilian economy is continually present and given my personal attention."
1955-1975	In the first month of the Vietnam War, 14,000 civilians has been killed, the casualty of civilian is larger than the sum of the casualty of troops in US and Vietnam.
1994	Rwandan Genocide. The Rwanda government murdered 800,000, most of whom are Tutsi minorities. Even UN cannot stop this.
1999	The Establishment of UNTFHS(United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security.
Apr 19, 2000	The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1296, which focused on the measures of dealing with protections of civilians in armed conflicts has been adopted.
2003	The 2003 invasion of Iraq，fifty percent of the casualty were civilians. It is estimated that 32,000-43,000 civilians died during that invasion. This statistic shows the seriousness of the problem of civilians' death in armed conflict.
Aug 19, 2008	The establishment of "The World Humanitarian Day". It happens annually on August, 19th. The United Nation wanted to call on the action of protecting civilians in armed conflicts(United Nation)
2015	According to the UNRWA report, 560,000 refugees of Palestine in Syria needed urgent humanitarian assistance. About 280,000

	refugees were displaced.
Sep 28, 2016	Gerard van Bohemen, the ambassador of New Zealand delivered a statement to the council about the healthcare of civilians in armed conflicts and urged countries to take action toward it.
May 22, 2018	The secretary-general made a speech to the Security Councils about the protection of civilians in armed conflicts.

Major Nations/Organizations

World Bank

The World Bank is an international organization dedicated to providing financing support to environmental programs.

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The Global Environment Facility united 183 countries in partnership with international institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives.

International Labour Organization(ILO)

 The International Labour Organization is a United Nation agency dealing with labour issues, which provides support to environmental programs by setting criterions about conservation of nature to all.

Important Documents/Passed Solutions

The General Assembly presented A/RES/63/139: Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations. This UN resolution talked about the violent attacks that are directly against the civilians and urged the members to further develop humanitarianism.

Security Council Resolution 1296 of protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts. The resolution discussed ways to improve the protection of civilians in armed conflicts using the measures for demobilisation, demilitarisation etc.

Possible Solutions

Delegates might need to consider the definition "protection of Civilians" in many specific situation and the question.

Due to the government fall to take their responsibility or other reasons targeting to manipulate the conflict using the death of citizen, every year, the citizens are being wrongly killed by armed conflict. Citizen should not being effect by the conflict is a basic human right which has been decleared in 1948. To solve the problem, delegates need to study about the deep cause of the issue. Listing below was several points that moght help delegates to find teh way of making the resolution.

First and foremost, the member states of United Nations need to show their willingness to cooperate in order to solve this problems. This basically means that member states needs to state the responsibility of government of protecting citizens and consider the measure of possible disobey.

Secondly, the United Nations needs to make an optimum use of all United Nation resources dues in protecting unarmed citizens is humanitarianism related. The "cross line event" happens every year.

The above are the various ways in which collaboration between UN, governments and citizens to advance this course. But whatever solutions are accepted and adopted, it is necessary that they address the real situations like emergence measure and so on.

Additional Links

UN security council home page: https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/index.php

Fourth Geneva Convention: https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl.nsf/385ec082b509e76c41256739003e636d/6756482d861468 98c125641e004aa3c5

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