

the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the Note Verbale LA/COD/21 dated 17 January 2022 in which the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations refers to the General Assembly adopted resolution 75/138 of 15 December 2020 H Q W L W O H G 3 6 W D V of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts. '

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Armed Forces

3. All Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members receive mandatory IHL training throughout their careers, starting with instruction provided during their basic training courses. They then receive IHL training as part of their pre-deployment training for military operations in which international humanitarian law may apply. The CAF deploys military lawyers to operational theatres as required.
4. In 2001, the Canadian Armed Forces published a key doctrine manual on the interpretation of international humanitarian law. It covers the law related to the conduct of hostilities and the protection of victims of armed conflict. This manual was in use throughout the reporting period.
5. The CAF has published a number of other doctrine manuals that address the application of IHL to specific situations that arise in armed conflict. These include, among others, the Code of Conduct for CF Personnel,² the Use of Force for CF Operations,³ the Canadian Forces doctrine on Targeting,⁴ as well as Prisoner of War Handling, Detainees, Interrogation and Tactical Questioning in International Operations.⁵ These manuals were in use throughout the reporting period.
6. Under the National Defence Act, CAF members are bound by the criminal law of Canada wherever they serve worldwide. This includes liability for any war crimes committed.

Enforcement

1. Canada is a State Party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and is responsible for serious international crimes. Canada considers the ICC as an essential mechanism in the fight against impunity.
2. Canada, along with several other State Parties to the ICC, referred the situation in Ukraine to the ICC in early March 2022. We decided to take this action as a result of numerous allegations of the commission of serious international crimes in Ukraine.

IV. Domestic case-law relating to the above-mentioned instruments:

Not applicable.

V. Activities carried out by national commissions or committees to support the implementation or dissemination of IHL:

² CANADA, Code of Conduct for CF Personnel, B-GG-005-027/AF-023, Office of the Judge Advocate General, February 2007.

³ CANADA, Use of Force for CF Operations, B-GJ-005-501/FP-001, Canadian Armed Forces, 29 August 2008.

⁴ CANADA, Targeting, B-GJ-005-309/FP-001, Canadian Armed Forces. 12 December 2014.

⁵ CANADA, Prisoner of War Handling, Detainees, Interrogation and Tactical Questioning in International Operations, B-GJ0005-110/FP-020

training, operational decision-making processes and rules of engagement; and

- iii. assist partners in ensuring that their disciplinary and/or judicial structures are capable of effectively addressing their own IHL violations should they occur and holding persons accountable for IHL violations in accordance with applicable requirements of international law.
 - d. In addition, Canada supports humanitarian organizations working to influence the behaviour of parties to armed conflict. For example, Canada financially supports the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which carries out activities aimed at improving IHL compliance among arms carriers.
3. At the [33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent](#) in December 2019 (IC 33), Canada actively advocated for strengthened IHL implementation, promotion, and sharing of best practices in partnered military operations and the protection of civilians in armed conflict. Canada engaged in the [Bringin J , + / K R Resolution](#) negotiations, delivered a national statement on IHL and co-hosted a side event on sharing IHL best practices in partnered military

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Annex: Table of Selected IHL Treaties to Which Canada Is a Party and Associated Implementing Legislation

IHL Treaty	Ratified/Acceded	Implementing Legislation (if applicable)
Geneva Conventions I ±IV 1949	14.05.1965	Geneva Conventions Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. G-3 Regulations respecting the determination of the entitlement of persons detained by the Canadian Forces to prisoner-of-war status.
Additional Protocol I	20.11.1990	Geneva Conventions Act
Additional Protocol II	20.11.1990	Geneva Conventions Act
Additional Protocol III	26.11.2007	Geneva Conventions Act
Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property	11.12.1998	Cultural Property Export and Import Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-51 Cultural Property Export Regulations
First Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention	29.11.2005	Cultural Property Export and Import Act Cultural Property Export Regulations
Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention	29.11.2005	Cultural Property Export and Import Act Cultural Property Export Regulations
Biological Weapons Convention	18.09.1972	Human Pathogens and Toxins Act, S.C. 2009, c. 24
Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)	24.06.1994	Domestic legislation was not necessary to implement the CWC obligations.
Protocol I to CCW on Non-Detectable Fragments	24.06.1994	Domestic legislation was not necessary to implement the Protocol obligations.
Protocol II to CCW on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices	05.01.1998	Domestic legislation was not necessary to implement the Protocol obligations.

Protocol III to CCW on Prohibitions or Restrictions on Use of Incendiary Weapons	24.06.1994	Domestic legislation was not necessary to implement the Protocol obligations.
Protocol IV to CCW on Blinding Laser Weapons	05.01.1998	Canada Consumer Product Safety Act, S.C. 2010, c. 21
Chemical Weapons Convention	26.09.1995	Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act, S.C. 1995, c. 25
Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention	03.12.1997	Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Implementation Act, S.C. 1997, c. 33