

Annex 1

International legal standards

The following is a list of key instruments of international law that relate to the protection of people in war. All agency staff members involved in humanitarian protection work will need to be familiar with them to differing degrees.

For full texts and key points about international humanitarian law, see the ICRC website at <www.icrc.org>; and for details of the texts and mechanisms of human-rights law, see the website of the Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights at <www.unhchr.ch>. For information about the International Criminal Court, see <www.icc-cpi.int/home>.

International humanitarian law

- The Geneva Conventions of 1949 (especially the IV Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and Common Article 3) and the two Additional Protocols of 1977.
- The Statute of the International Criminal Court.

International refugee law

- Convention on the Status of Refugees, 1951, and the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1967.

International human-rights law

- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948.
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1965.
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966.
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966.
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, 1979.
- Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984.
- Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989.
- Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, 1998.

United Nations Resolutions

- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/182/1991 Strengthening of the Coordination of Humanitarian Emergency Assistance of the United Nations.
- United Nations Security Council Resolution 1296 on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, S/RES/1296/2000.