



**OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**



**2005/2. Prohibition of military operations directed against
medical facilities, transport and personnel entitled
to protection during armed conflict**

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions, of 12 August 1949, the Additional Protocols thereto of 1977 and all other relevant instruments and principles of human rights and humanitarian law,

Bearing in mind that the purpose of the Geneva Conventions is to protect, inter alia, medical facilities, transport and personnel during armed conflict,

Alarmed by direct and overt attacks on medical facilities, transport and personnel in a number of current armed conflicts,

Acutely aware that such attacks threaten the very viability of the Geneva Conventions themselves,

Recalling its resolution 2004/1 of 9 August 2004,

1. *Expresses concern* about military operations directed at medical facilities, transport and personnel;
2. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health to address the issue of the protection of medical facilities, transport and personnel in situations of both international and internal armed conflicts as one of great urgency;
3. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question at its fifty-eighth session.

*15th meeting
8 August 2005*

[Adopted without a vote.]

See E/CN.4/2006/2, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/44, chap. IV.]