



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



2005/10. Attacks on persons entitled to protection as civilians

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

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Mindful of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Geneva Conventions, of 12 August 1949, and the Additional Protocols thereto of 8 June 1977,

Mindful also of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/63 of 20 April 2005 on protection of the human rights of civilians in armed conflicts,

Reaffirming that the intentional killing of persons entitled to protection as civilians is prohibited by customary international criminal law,

Stressing the importance of combating impunity for perpetrators of international crimes,

1. *Strongly emphasizes that no alleged ground, political, philosophical, religious or military, justifies attacks against persons entitled to protection as civilians;*
2. *Confirms that anyone, including members of the police or security forces of a State, who participates in an intentional attack against persons entitled to protection as civilians, which is prohibited by customary international criminal law, is guilty of an international crime;*
3. *Confirms also that anyone who attempts intentionally to attack persons entitled to protection as civilians, which is prohibited by customary international criminal law, is guilty of an international crime;*
4. *Confirms further that anyone who incites intentional attacks against persons entitled to protection as civilians, which is prohibited by customary international criminal law, is guilty of an international crime;*
5. *Confirms that anyone who knowingly finances an intentional attack or an attempted intentional attack on persons entitled to protection as civilians, which is prohibited by customary international criminal law, is guilty of an international crime;*
6. *Decides to consider this issue at its fifty-eighth session under the same agenda item.*

*19th meeting
10 August 2005*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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