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Protection of Civilians Course

Policy Discussion Exercise

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**In these examples consider
them first from a combatant
perspective.**

**Then from the whole of
Government and civil society
viewpoint.**



State Actors

Example:

- A Ukrainian soldier based in a regional city in Ukraine.

Photo Credit: BBC News





Deployed in a Host State

Examples:

- On a deployment to an African country hosting a UN peacekeeping mission.
- Coalition deployment (e.g. Iraq)

Credit: UN Photo/Michael Ali.





Non-State Actors

Example:

- **Member of an armed group in a rural area in Myanmar**

Photo Credit: Frontier Myanmar





Protection of Civilians – Groups

- **Tables 1, 2 and 3 – State Actors (e.g. Ukraine)**
- **Tables 4, 5 and 6 – Deployed Actors (UN PKO or coalition op)**
- **Tables 7 and 8 – Non-State Actors (e.g. Myanmar)**



Protection of Civilians – Questions

Using these as examples, consider the following:

- **What are your POC responsibilities?**
- **What are your key POC challenges?**
- **What action can you take about POC in this situation?**



Protection of Civilians - Key Issues

- How do you enhance or achieve:-
 - Coordination across actors
 - Compliance with laws
 - Restraint in operations
 - Mitigation or Prevention of Harm



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Questions?



Protection of Civilians in 2024

- **25th Anniversary of UNSCR 1265 (1999)**
- **UNSC High-Level Debate on POC (21 May 2024)**
- **UN POC Week (20-24 May 2024)**
- **UN Summit of the Future (22-23 September 2024)**



PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS WEEK: 2024

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, MAY 21

UN Security Council
Open Debate

"Protection of Civilians in
Armed Conflict:
25th Anniversary of
SCR 1265 (1999)"

10 AM - 6 PM

MONDAY, MAY 20

The Future of PoC in UN
Peacekeeping

8:30 - 10 AM
Mission of the Republic of Indonesia

DEU, IDN, SLE;
CIPSS, UN-DPO*

25 Years of PoC & the UN Security
Council: Challenges & Opportunities

10:15 AM - 12 PM
International Peace Institute

CHE, MOZ, GBR;
ICRC, IPI, OCHA, NRC

Advancing the Protection of
Aid Workers

1 PM - 2:30 PM
Mission of Switzerland

BRA, CAN, CHE, FRA;
LAW, Action Against Hunger,
Nonviolent Peaceforce, OCHA, UNDOSS

Protection Through Peacekeeping:
Lessons from Troop- & Police-
Contributing Countries

3 PM - 4:30 PM
Mission of Australia

AUS, SEN, URY;
Stimson Center, UN-DPO, Watchlist

Protection of Civilians by
African Union Peace Support
Operations

5 PM - 6:30 PM

Venue TBC
USA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Addressing Conflict-Induced Hunger:
Implementing Resolution 2417 at National,
Regional & Global Levels

8:30 - 10 AM
Mission of Ireland

CHE, DOM, ECU, GUY, IRL, KWT, MOZ, NLD,
POL; Action Against Hunger, ASP, CARE,
Concern Worldwide, FAO, Oxfam, Plan Intl,
Save the Children, WFP, World Vision

Healthcare Under Attack: The
Imperative of Ending the Violence

10:30 AM - 12 PM
Mission of the Republic of Poland

EGY, ESP, EU, JPN, POL;
ICRC, IRC, MSF, SHCC, Watchlist on
Children & Armed Conflict, WHO

Advancing Gender-Transformative &
Gender-Responsive Approaches in
Protection Interventions

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
UN CR 11

BEL, CAN, CHE, COL, ESP, HTI, LIE, NOR;
ASP, FAST, IOM, Princeton University,
UNODC, UN-SRSG-Violence Against
Children, UNSR-Trafficking in Persons,
UNU-CPR, UN-ICAT

Protecting Civilians from Harm:
Strengthening Accountability for
Private Military & Security Companies

3 PM - 4:30 PM
Mission of Australia

AUS, GBR, CHE, DEU, DNK;
CIVIC, DCAF, NOVACT, University of
Copenhagen, UNU-CPR,
UN Special Procedures



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THURSDAY, MAY 23

Protecting Civilians from Explosive
Weapons in Populated Areas

8:30 - 10 AM
Mission of Ireland

IRL, JOR, LBR, NOR, SLE;
ICRC, INEW, OCHA, UNODA

Sparing Water from Armed Conflicts
for Enhanced Protection of Civilians:
A Launch of the Global Alliance

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
UN CR 11

CHE, MOZ, PAN, SEN, SVN;
Geneva Call, Geneva Water Hub,
PAX, UNICEF

Civilian-Centered Approaches to POC:
What Works & Why?

1 PM - 2:30 PM
Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

AU, SLV, NLD, PHL, SSD;
CIVIC, Creating Safer Space, GPC/UNHCR,
HPG/ODI, Nonviolent Peaceforce,
NORCAP/NRC, Oxfam, PAX

Addressing the Impact of
Mis-/Disinformation & Hate Speech
on Civilians

3 PM - 5 PM
Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany

BRA, DEU, MAR;
CIVIC, ICRC, Stimson Center, UNHCR,
UN-DPO, UNOSAPG

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Protection Needs of Young
Peacebuilders at the Field Level:
Global Policy Considerations

8:30 - 10 AM
Orange Cafe, UNFPA

DOM, FIN, FRA;
Dag Hammarskjöld Fdn, GPPAC,
GNWP, UNFPA, UN Youth Office

Taking Stock of 25 Years of POC in
Peacekeeping: Lessons Learned &
Opportunities for Future Research

10:30 AM - 12 PM
International Peace Institute

BGD, DEU, NLD, SLE;
CIVIC, IPI, UN-DPO

Strengthening the Continuity of
Protection During & After UN Mission
Transitions & Withdrawals

1 PM - 2:30 PM
Mission of Ireland

IRL, NLD, BGD;
UNHCR, Global Protection Cluster, NRC, Non-
Violent Peaceforce, CIVIC, Save the Children,
WFP, DPO, OCHA, UNMAS

From Frontline Negotiations to
Humanitarian Diplomacy

3 PM - 4:30 PM
Mission of Norway

CHE, NOR;
CCHN, CIVIC, Geneva Call, ICRC, Centre
on Armed Groups, OCHA, UNHCR, WFP



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For additional details, check out: <http://www.unocha.org/events/protection-civilians-week-2024>