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## **Motivation letter**

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I should be a Gemini. In April 1986, the Tchernobyl explosion was releasing a giant, radioactive cloud that flew over France. This is when my Hulk, scientist Avenger spirit decided to get there ASAP and contribute to saving the planet. I have been passionate all my life with humanitarian work, education and culture. And most specifically, for the past three years, obsessed with the transition from nuclear to solar, and the removal of weapons from our civilization. The damages of humanity's irresponsible trades reach us from all horizons, although we have everything we need to be champions.

While reading the Convention on certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), I was shocked by the existence of such destructive warfare practices. Everyone has a duty to protect their country, yet, in my ideal world, the requirement for High Contracting Parties is to honor ALL of the protocols. So, how do we protect the environment and human rights during an invasion? Our President is a very compassionate man. Right now, as encouraged by the CCW, the United States are sending funds and weapons to support the people of Ukraine and Israel. But how long are these massacres going to last if we can't interfere? It might not be our country, but this is our planet, and they could be our children. This study must evidence the ecological emergency to establish global peace.

The United Nations is the most essential organization in the world. It gathers people from all cultures to symbolize values of solidarity. A society where discussions, not violence, lead to evolution. The inspiration I find there is my model to become a wiser woman. I am very loyal, intuitive, and extremely organized. This mission is a great opportunity to initiate a life-long collaboration. I know exactly what to write and where to find the information. Please take a look at the Table of Content I created for the study, in the documents section, and watch this presentation:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pheOUb78bVo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pheOUb78bVo)

Sincerely,

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## **Study on the protection of the environment in the context of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and its Protocols**

### **GOALS:**

- Identify and describe the existing and applicable international legal and normative framework relating to the protection of the environment and armed conflicts, including the ILC Draft Principles on the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflicts (the Draft Principles) and the ICRC Guidelines on the Protection of the Natural Environment in Armed Conflict (the ICRC Guidelines), with a particular focus on the impact of the weapons falling under the scope of the CCW and its Protocols.
- To identify and explain how contamination of the environment by weapons falling under the scope of the CCW and its Protocols relate to/hinder the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To identify and explain how the CCW and its Protocols can be used to further the goal of protecting the environment before, during and after an armed conflict, including in particular its post-conflict remedial provisions in combination with the applicable international legal frameworks on the protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts
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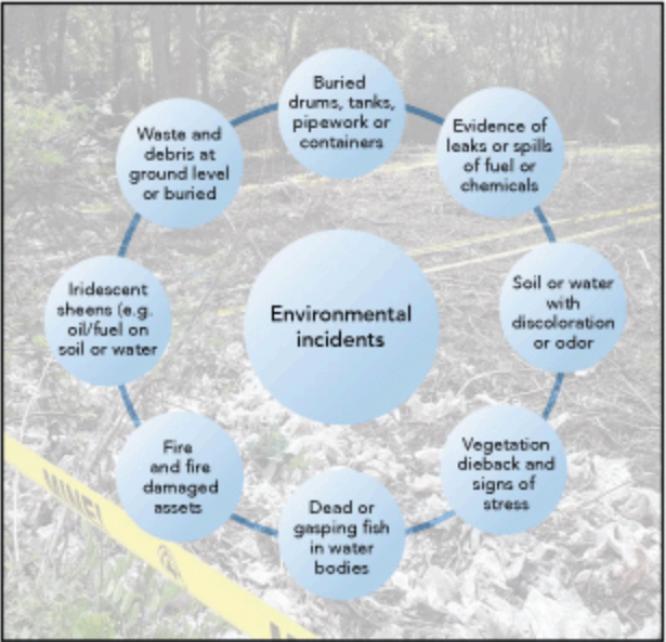
The Convention on  
**Certain Conventional  
Weapons**

## Introduction

One billion. This is the estimated number of small weapons circulating among the eight billion humans on Earth. Four hundred, is the number of victims of gun violence during the first week of January 2024, solely in America. Ukraine: 10,000 civilians killed since February 2022. Israel: 60,000 wounded, 23,000 deaths. These numbers are dramatic. If gun crimes are the first cause of child death in the United States, they also pose direct environmental threats worldwide, as conflicts and wars are disasters for the ecosystem. Bombs and fires create chemical reactions that alter the quality of the air, and acid rains. Biological weapons threaten our soils and immune system. Fuels, leaks and debris contaminate our lands and waters. As a secondary effect, surviving animals and populations are forced to flee, abandoning their role within the ecosystem and creating new challenges and dynamics in society.

Even in peaceful times, our growing needs in resources are already a concern for scientists and ecologists. We are urging the world to focus on recycling and limiting pollution, which has led to the creation of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, with an international focus on renewable energies. Humanity is gifted with exceptional minds who are led by the heart and think ahead, for the future generations. But with weapons in the middle, dialogues about territories and religions often lead to escalating and irreversible damages. In 1980, the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations created the Convention on certain Conventional Weapons (amended in 2001) to limit unnecessary harm on military personnel and civilians, by allowing 126 countries to adopt and sign this Treaty and its protocols. Are they always respected? Read further for the story.

This study must evidence the ecological emergency to establish global peace. We will focus more specifically on the effect of weapons on the environment, by making an inventory of the existing and applicable international legal and normative framework relating to the protection of the environment and armed conflicts, enumerate the consequences of warfare on the ecosystem, and establish a plan of action to prevent conflicts, negotiate peace and ensure remedial provisions where all actors contribute to repair our heritage or build the New World. We deserve and can live in the greatest era of history!



## GUIDELINES ON THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN ARMED CONFLICT

RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, WITH COMMENTARY



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ungeneva Reminder:

- No party to an armed conflict is above international law.
- International humanitarian law, including the principles of distinction, proportionality, and precautions in attack, must be respected and upheld.
- International humanitarian law cannot be applied selectively.
- The obligation to comply with it does not depend on reciprocity.

#internationalhumanitarianlaw #ihl #warshaverules

