



**Proposed addition to Article 2 of the Draft articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity:**  
**widespread, long-lasting, or severe destruction of the natural environment as the means of destruction, damage, or injury to any civilian population**

1. The present proposal aims to facilitate States' consideration of including environmental destruction among the enumerated crimes against humanity, following the desire expressed by a number of States to incorporate environmental harm or exploitation in some fashion.
2. In this respect, the Republic of Sierra Leone has "reiterate[d] the important point of the necessity to extend the list of prohibited acts to include, for instance, economic, land and

5. Article 1(1) of the ENMOD Convention provides that each State Party “undertakes not to engage in military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques **having widespread, long-lasting or severe effects as the means of destruction, damage or injury** to any other State Party”.<sup>6</sup>
  
6. This provision of the ENMOD Convention is also incorporated in the International Law Commission’s Principles on protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts, which the General Assembly recently annexed to resolution 77/104 while encouraging their widest possible dissemination.<sup>7</sup> The International Committee of the Red Cross, in turn, has also considered that “irrespective of whether the provisions of the ENMOD Convention are themselves ~~E23n681PYS(A6uRPPWPK~~

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