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## Research Project on Internationalisation of Armed Conflicts

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Dear Mr. Macak,

I refer to your email to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana on October 28, 2011 on the subject at caption and wish to respond to the following questions:

**Does your State distinguish between international and non international armed conflict in relation to the application of the law of armed conflict?**

Yes.

1.1 In Guyana international armed conflict is governed by the applied Geneva Convention Act 1957 of the UK. It's Schedules cover certain international Conventions done at Geneva in 1947 such as:

Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field,

Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea,

Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of the Prisoners of War and

Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

The Act, in its Schedules refers to Article 3 of its relevant Convention and specifies provisions for the minimum standards for armed conflict not of an international character.

2. and 3.

The Act does not provide guidance as to the treatment of a conflict should it shift from non- international to international in nature or visa versa; and does not state under which, if any, conditions the peculiarity of a conflict will affect its assessment.

Article 46 however, provides that each Party, through their Commander-in-Chief shall ensure the execution of the Articles and provide for unforeseen cases in conformity with

the Conventions. Therefore the treatment, as the conflict progresses from non-international to international in all or part of the territory may be determined by the Commander-in-Chief.

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