

Universal Declaration of the Right to Kill for Self-Defense and Defense of the Defenseless

Preamble

Recognizing the inherent right of every individual to life, liberty, and security,

Acknowledging that the protection of life and the prevention of harm are fundamental responsibilities of society,

Believing that individuals have the right to defend themselves and others from imminent threats to their safety,

We, the representatives of the peoples of the world, hereby proclaim this **Universal Declaration of the Right to Kill for Self-Defense and Defense of the Defenseless**.

1 Right to Kill in Self-Defense

Every individual has the inherent right to kill in self-defense or to defend the defenseless against imminent threats to their life or bodily integrity.

2 Justification for the Use of Lethal Force

The use of lethal force is justified only when:

- The threat is imminent and cannot be reasonably avoided or mitigated by other means;
- The use of lethal force is necessary to prevent imminent death or serious bodily harm;
- The person using lethal force has a reasonable belief that the threat is real and imminent.

3 Burden of Proof

The burden of proof lies with the person using lethal force to demonstrate that the use of such force was justified under the principles set forth in Article 2.

4 State Responsibilities

States shall ensure that individuals have access to effective legal and procedural mechanisms to protect their right to kill for self-defense and defense of the defenseless.

5 Law Enforcement Training

States shall provide training and education to law enforcement officers and other relevant personnel on the principles of self-defense and the use of lethal force.

6 Prevention of Abuse

States shall take all necessary measures to prevent the abuse of the right to kill for self-defense and defense of the defenseless.

7 Interpretation Limitations

This Declaration shall not be interpreted as authorizing the use of lethal force for any purpose other than self-defense or defending the defenseless.

8 Alternative Protective Measures

This Declaration shall not be interpreted as limiting the right of individuals to seek other lawful means of protection, such as fleeing the scene or seeking assistance from law enforcement.

9 Universal Recognition

This Declaration shall be universally recognized and respected.

Conclusion

This **Universal Declaration of the Right to Kill for Self-Defense and Defense of the Defenseless** affirms the fundamental right of individuals to protect themselves and others from imminent threats to their safety. It establishes clear principles for the justified use of lethal force and places the burden of proof on the person using such force.

By recognizing the right to self-defense and defending the defenseless, this Declaration promotes a society where individuals can live in safety and security. It also serves as a reminder that the use of lethal force is a grave responsibility that must be exercised with the utmost care and restraint.

We call upon all States to adopt and implement this Declaration into their laws and policies. By doing so, we can create a world where everyone has the right to live free from fear and violence.