



# **Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Geneva Call 2016**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Geneva Call

**Organisational Type**

NGO - International

**City and Country where Headquartered**

Geneva, Switzerland

**Focal Point Name**

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**Region**

Global

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## 2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Geneva Call commits to report on its commitments and the outcomes achieved during the next follow up Summit meeting.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Geneva Call commits to encourage non-State armed groups to refrain from using explosive weapons in densely populated areas.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Geneva Call commits to initiate dialogue with non-State armed groups on the protection of displaced persons and to explore engagement with them on the protection and respect of the medical mission.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Geneva Call commits to promote the implementation of the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict to 35 non-State armed groups.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Achievements at a glance

In November 2016, Geneva Call gathered 21 armed groups and specialized humanitarian agencies in Geneva to discuss how to better protect children and education in armed conflict. Over three days, issues related to child recruitment, release and reintegration of children as well as the protection of schools from military use and attack were addressed. The meeting identified practical measures armed groups could take to ensure compliance with international standards. Moreover, Geneva Call also began research into armed groups' use of explosive devices in populated areas.

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#### Keywords

Humanitarian principles

People-centred approach



## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Geneva Call commits to collect public individual commitments from non-State armed groups to respect norms of international humanitarian and human rights law and to monitor their implementation.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Geneva Call commits to further develop training sessions to 60 non-state armed groups on international humanitarian and human rights law, with a focus on humanitarian mine action, child protection and the prohibition of sexual violence.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Achievements at a glance

During the reporting period (June to December 2016), Geneva Call conducted training sessions for more than 30 non-State armed groups on international humanitarian norms. In November 2016, Geneva Call gathered 21 armed groups and specialized humanitarian agencies in Geneva to discuss how to better protect children and education in armed conflict. Over three days, issues related to child recruitment, release and reintegration of children as well as the protection of schools from military use and attack were addressed. The meeting identified practical measures armed groups could take to ensure compliance with international standards. It also created the opportunity for two groups to make new pledges: the SPLM-N signed an Action Plan with the UN while the APCLS signed the Deed of Commitment for the protection of children from the effects of armed conflict.

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