

**Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations**

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The Permanent Mission of Colombia presents its compliments to the Office of the

Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to note LA/COD/2 of 7

In that regard the Permanent Mission transmits herewith the following documents:

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Republic of Colombia**

**Report of Colombia on the status of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions**

**relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to**

**strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law**

articles 93 and 94 of the Political Constitution of 1991.

- Law No. 11 of 1992 (21 July), implementing the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of

12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol

Additional to the Geneva Convention of 8 June 1977.

These judgments were posted on the Court's website:

[www.corteconstitucional.gov.co/relatoria/](http://www.corteconstitucional.gov.co/relatoria/)

**Overview of the laws that refer to implementation of the Protocols additional to the Geneva**

Law No. 952 of 2002 on the protection and monitoring of the mission and humanitarian activities

of the Colombian Red Cross Society

Judgement No. C-511 of 1004 Constitutional Court constitutional challenges to article 4 and

others in Law No. 42 of 1003 regulating recruitment and mobilization:

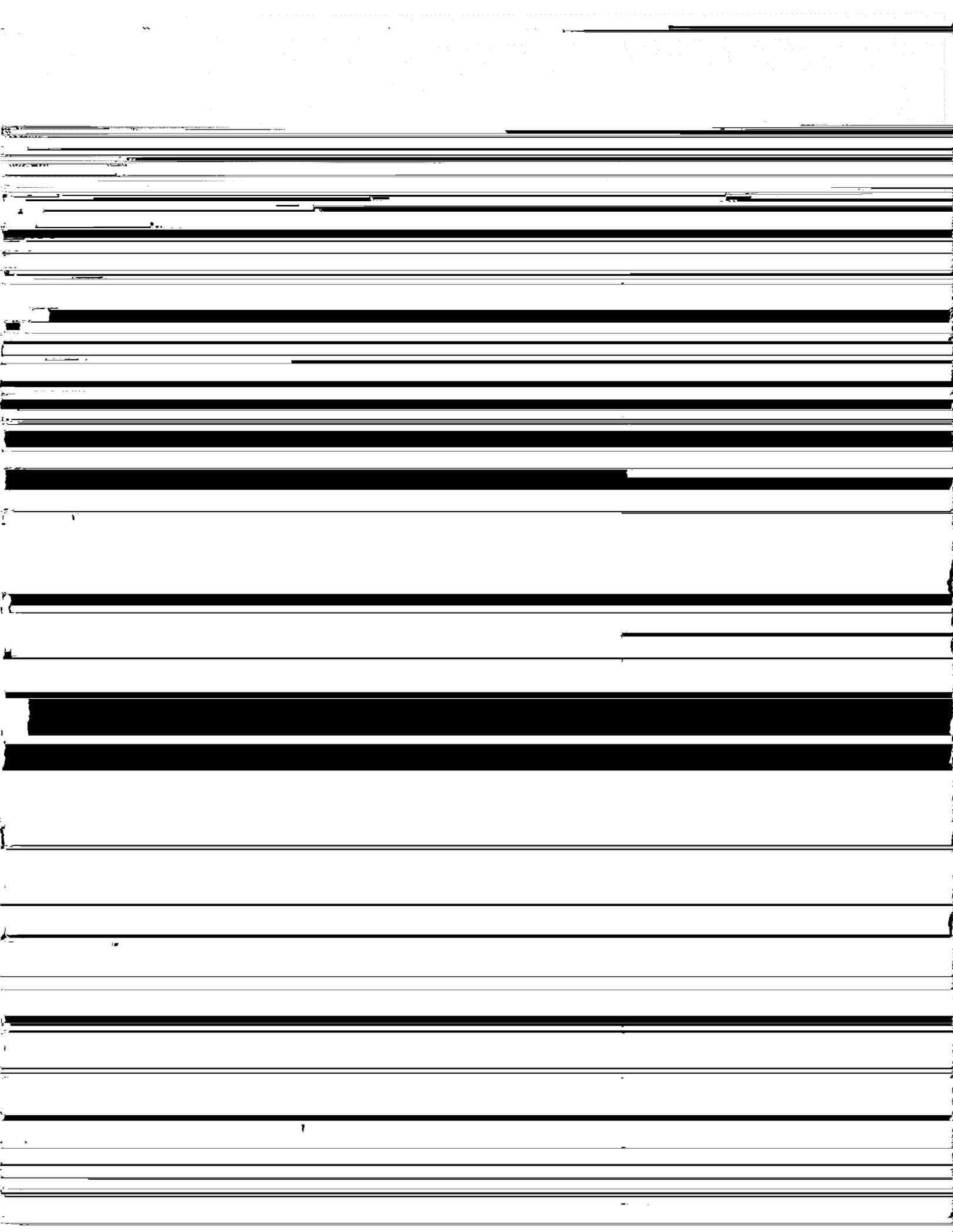
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Under the Policy for Combating Impunity, 1,451 people have benefited from specialized training on the investigation, prosecution and punishment of human rights violations and

international humanitarian law offences.

Nationally, a total of 37 days of training have been provided in the cities of Medellín



which is to support and implement a national policy that specifically includes international humanitarian law:

[www.derechos.org/nizkor/Argentina/Documentos/DeclaracionConferenciaNacional\\_3feb2011](http://www.derechos.org/nizkor/Argentina/Documentos/DeclaracionConferenciaNacional_3feb2011)

The State of Colombia is firmly committed to respecting and guaranteeing human rights and



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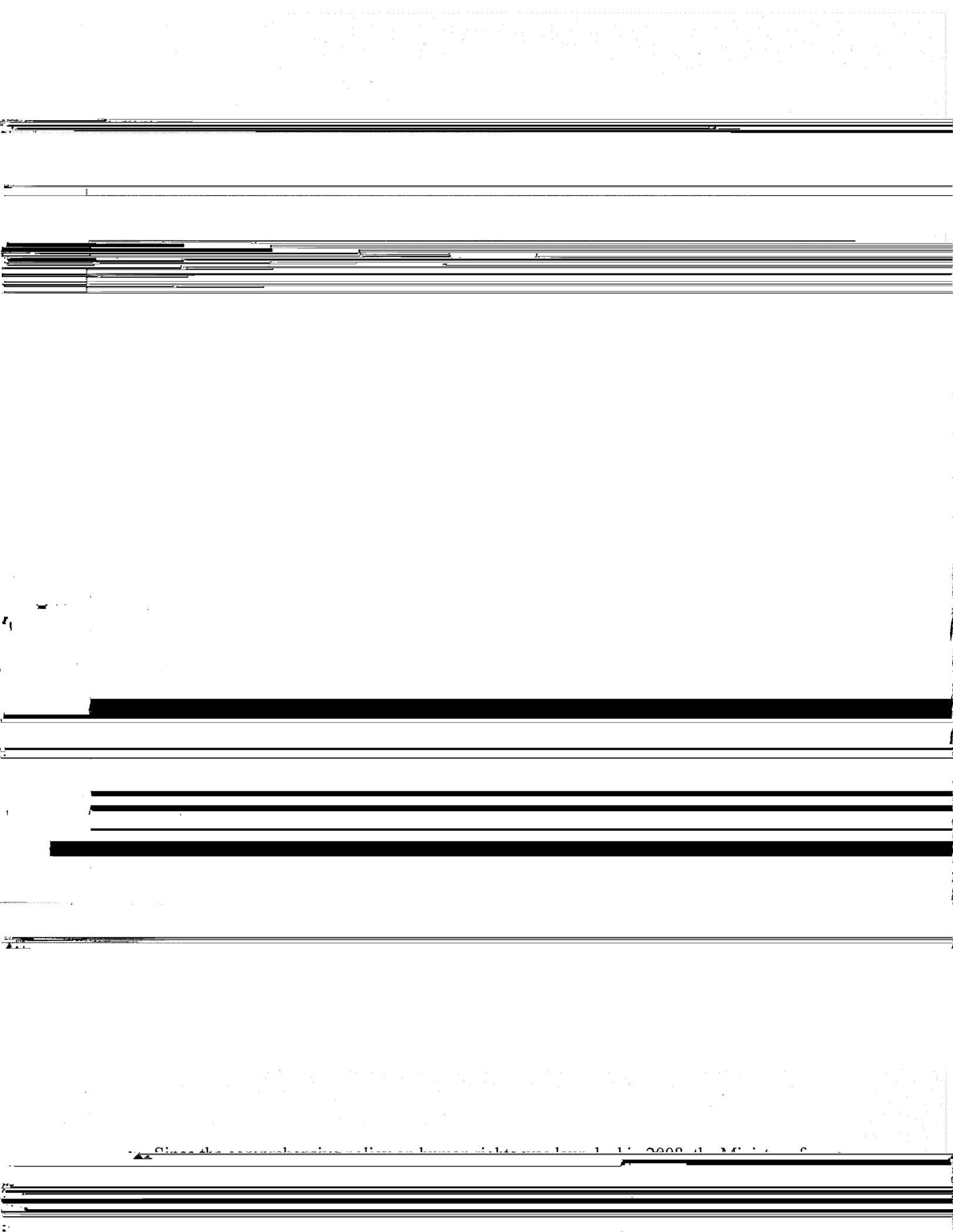
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in schools and training centres. In 2010, the Armed Forces trained 12 300 students

according to their rank and level of responsibility

In addition to compulsory training, the Ministry of Defence provides extra-curricular training





On the basis of an agreement between the United States Department of Defense and the

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- Creation of a specialization in human rights and the conduct of hostilities in Colombia,

which is in the process of receiving accreditation from the Ministry of Education and which

will be implemented both nationally and regionally. The

contributed to the dissemination of and compliance with international humanitarian law by

members of the Armed Forces

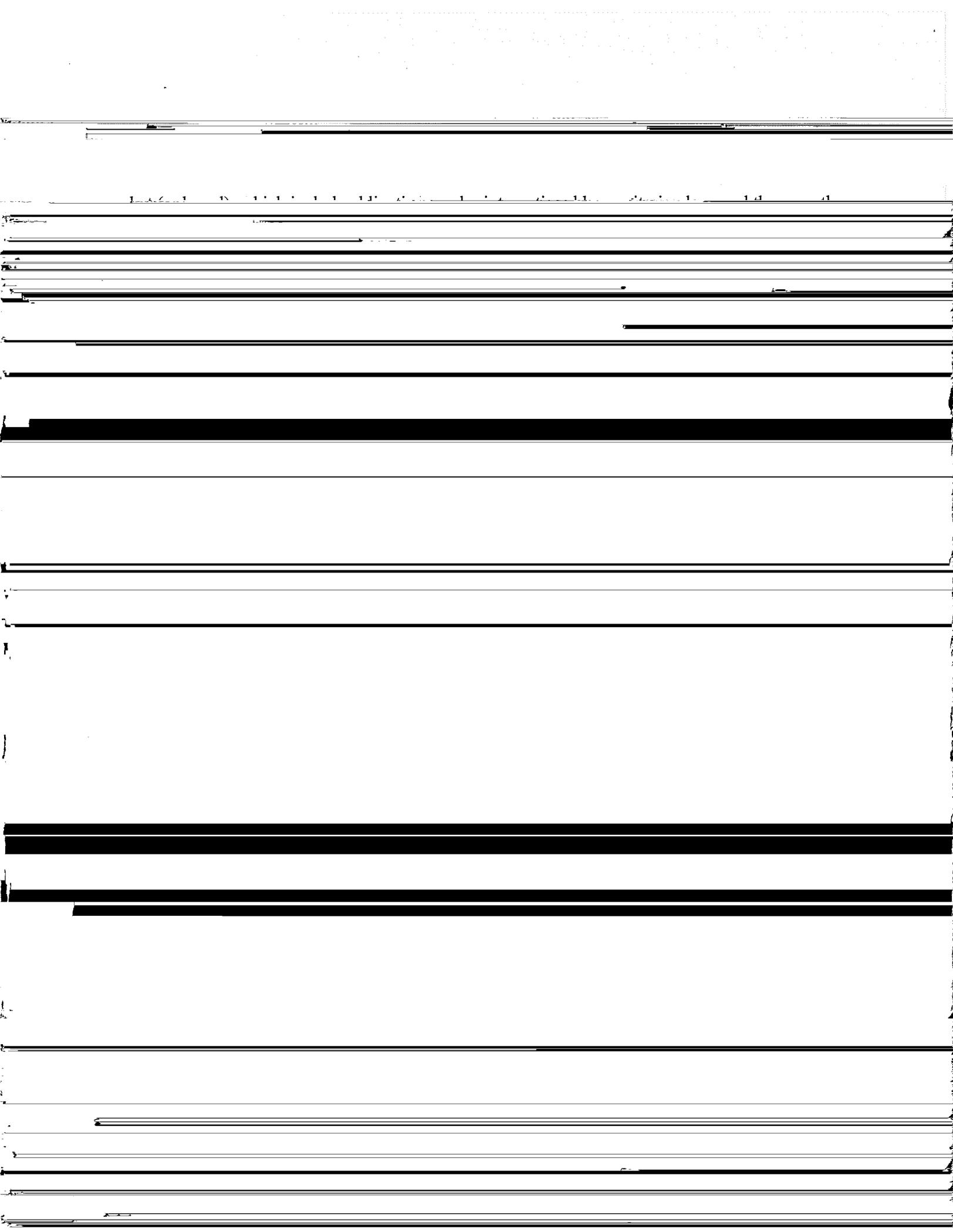
1. Implementation and dissemination of the Operational Law Handbook (FF.MM. 3-41): The

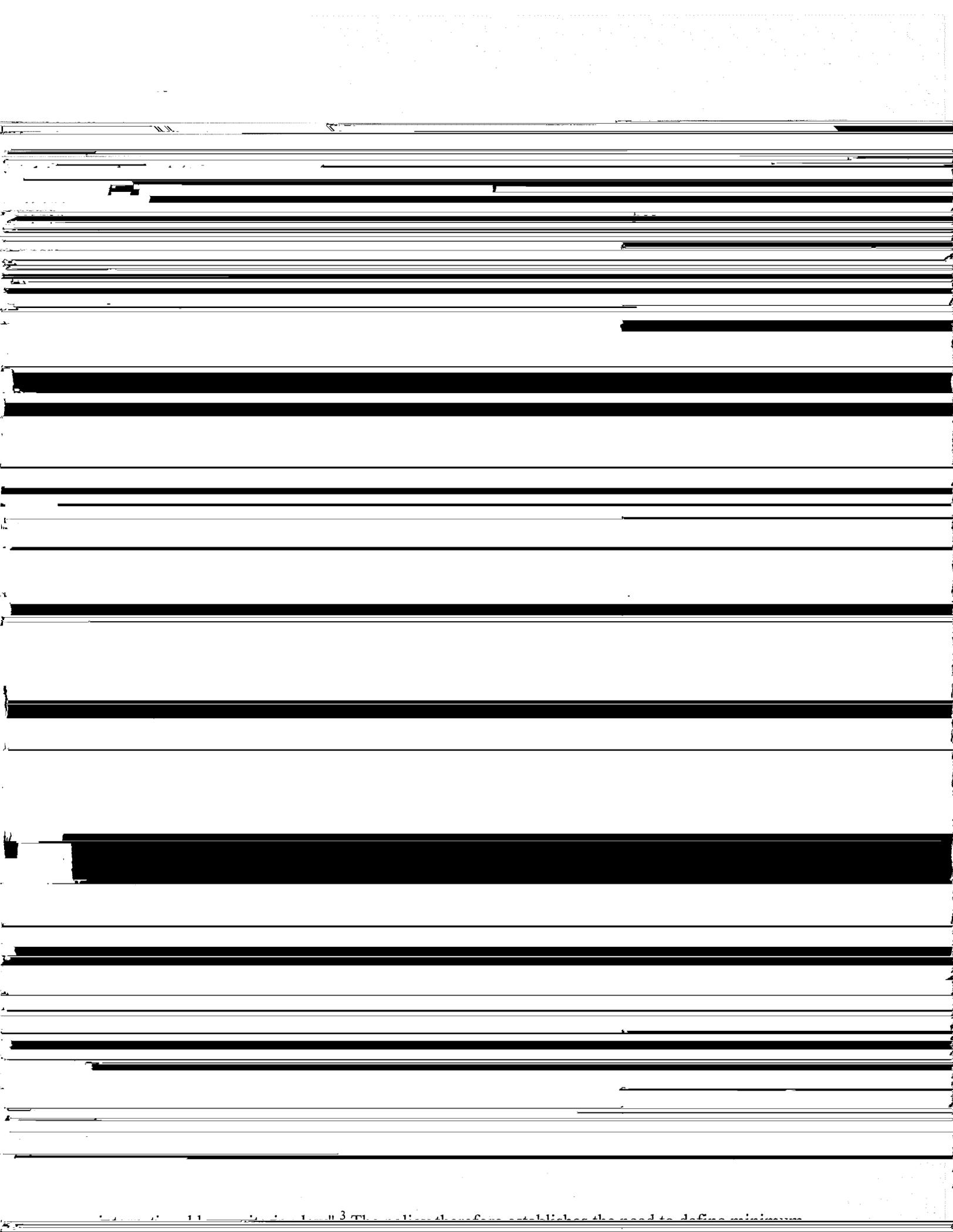
Handbook, published in 2009, provides the tools necessary to ensure the legality of operations and

The Handbook is aimed at military commanders down to the tactical unit: operational legal

adjudicial level and discipline personnel and military and civilian judicial personnel. The

following activities have been carried out as part of the dissemination process:







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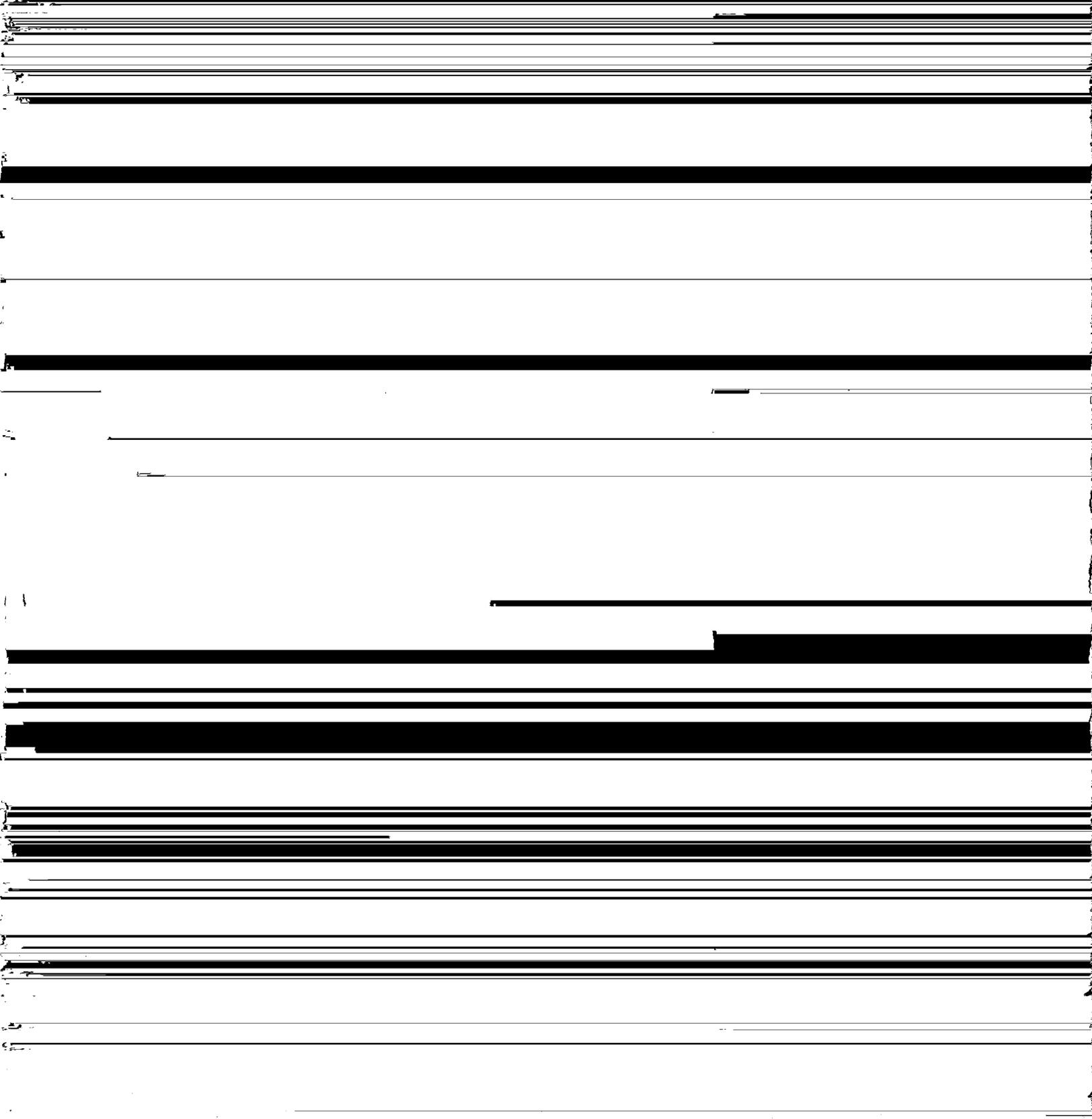
together with the Armed Forces, is considering a project aimed at reviewing the status of

The Ministry of Defence has taken a number of specific measures in respect of vulnerable

groups including women, children, displaced persons, accused persons, human rights defenders

out their missions, they should avoid putting displaced persons at risk and thus creating situations of

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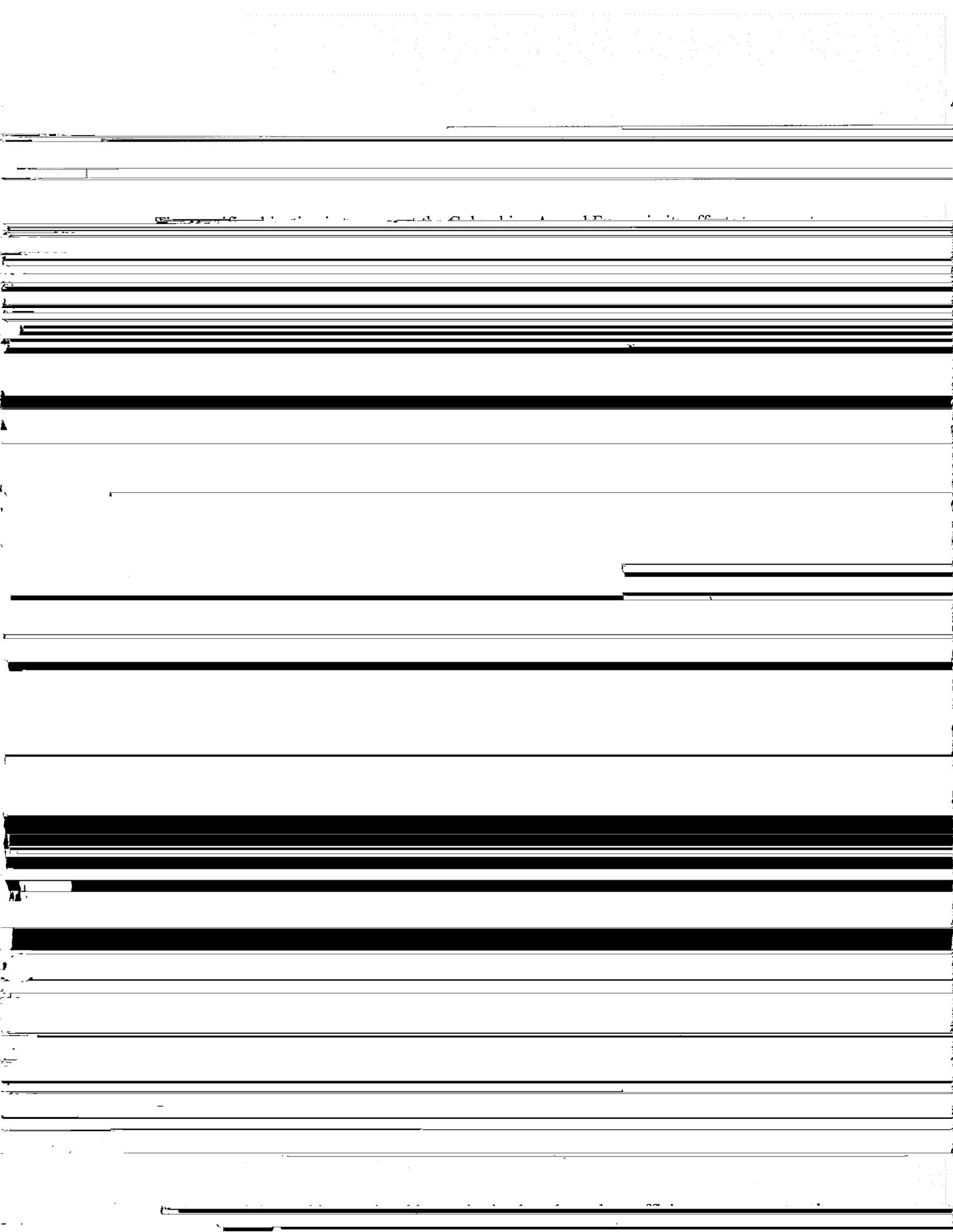
The Ministry of Defence, as a member of the Intersectoral Committee for the Prevention of

Forced Recruitment has undertaken initiatives together with other Government entities to

black communities: to respond appropriately to the need for protection of black, Afro-Colombian.

project of the Ministry of Defence and OHCHR on the monitoring of 7 of the 15 measures

adoption under the policy for the prevention of murders of protected persons



Handbook

Republic of Colombia

Armed Forces of Colombia

Decision No. 056 of 7 December 2000

adopting the Operational Law Handbook

The Armed Forces General Commander

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Colonel Jorge León González Parra

Armed Forces Adjutant-General