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Request for potential intervention by the Guardia Civil with respect to protection

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of victims of armed conflicts

The Guardia Civil already has broad experience gained from several decades of

- Providing policing and human rights instruction and technical training to local security forces;
- Investigating war crimes;
- Providing security and protection: escort and care of victims;
- Maintaining security and public order; and
- Providing assistance to victims and civil defence in disaster situations.

Examples of such humanitarian interventions include the Guardia Civil's work with refugees in Hamallaj, Albania, in 1999, when 35 Guardia Civil officers were deployed for the primary purpose of maintaining order and security in Hamallaj, controlling access and preventing incursions by mafia groups seeking to interfere with the delivery of humanitarian assistance. More recently, in January 2010, a Guardia Civil Elvino Squad unit was involved in the provision of humanitarian

and MINNISTAH are current examples of Guardia Civil involvement in such local