

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

IHL Instruments:

1. The United Kingdom ratified the Arms Trade Treaty on 2 April 2014 and the Treaty entered into force on 24 December 2014. In March 2014 the United Kingdom updated the EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria (the Consolidated Criteria) to include the Treaty as an international obligation in Criterion One, and to add international humanitarian law and gender-based violence in Criterion Two.
2. The United Kingdom is a State Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions which entered into force for the United Kingdom on 1 November 2010. In December 2013 the United Kingdom completed the destruction of its entire stockpile of over 38 million sub-

national International Humanitarian Law committees and has offered practical assistance to those wishing to do so.

Enforcement:

17. The United Kingdom continues to contribute to activities carried out by the European Union to encourage States to become party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to put in place legislation to give the Statute effect.
18. The United Kingdom contributes to the International Criminal Court, international and hybrid tribunals. United Kingdom support helps to strengthen the rules-based international system and tackle impunity for serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative:

19. In May 2012, the former United Kingdom Foreign Secretary, William Hague, and the Special Envoy of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Angelina Jolie Pitt, co-founded the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI). The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness and rally global action to do more to (i) address the culture of impunity that exists for these crimes, (ii) increase the number of perpetrators held to account, and (iii) ensure better support for survivors.
20. In 2013, the United Kingdom, endorsed the Declaration of Com

appointment reflects the United Kingdom Government's continued determination to do all it can to end the scourge of sexual violence in conflict. Baroness Anelay has identified tackling "survivor stigma" as a PSVI priority for 2016 and calls on all UN Members States – including the PSVI Champions network - to do more to ensure that survivors of sexual violence do not suffer further hardships as a result of negative social attitudes, misconceptions or a lack of understanding after their ordeals.