

Article 7(4)

- The exporting State Party, in making this assessment, shall take into account the risk of the conventional arms...being used to **commit or facilitate serious acts of gender-based violence** or serious acts of violence against women and children.

Article 7(1)

- If the export is not prohibited under Article 6, each exporting State Party, prior to the authorization of the export of conventional arms...shall, in an objective and non-discriminatory manner, taking to account relevant factors...assess the potential risk that the conventional arms or items... could be used to: **commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law;**

Article 6(3)

- A State Party shall not authorize any transfer of conventional arms... if it has knowledge at the time of authorization that the arms or items would be used **in the commission of... grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, attacks directed against civilian objects or civilians protected as such, or other war crimes as defined by international agreements to which it is a Party.**

Sexual violence

- Constitute war crimes when committed in the context of, and in connection with, an armed conflict
- Also constitute serious acts of gender-based violence
- Rape and other forms of sexual violence, including (but not limited to) sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, and enforced sterilization

Other acts of gender-based violence

- Constitute war crimes when committed in the context of, and in connection with, an armed conflict
- Also constitute serious acts of gender-based violence
- Distinguished from other forms of violence because they are 'gender-specific'
- Committed against an individual because of their sex and/or socially-constructed gender role