According to the principle of equality of belligerents, IHL applies equally to all parties to an armed conflict and imposes the same obligations on them.

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