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DEFINITION

Right of the representatives of the **Protecting Power** ^[2] to be present at the hearings of any court trying a **civilian protected person** ^[3], except where the proceedings are held *in camera*.

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Mutual assistance in criminal matters

DEFINITION

The assistance which the Parties to the 1949 Conventions and to Protocol I of 1977 must give one another in any procedure relating to **grave breaches** ^[9] and, when circumstances permit, to **extradition** ^[10].

OUTLINE

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