Whether from land, sea or air, bombardment is a legitimate method of warfare [1], subject to the general principle that the right of the parties to choose methods of warfare [1] is not unlimited. In accordance with that principle, it is prohibited to employ methods of a nature to cause superfluous injury [2] or unnecessary suffering [3] or destruction [4]. Bombardment is, however, subject to prohibitions and limitations with respect to medical units [5], cultural property [6], non-defended localities [7] and demilitarized zones [8]. Bombardment of the civilian population as such is prohibited, as are indiscriminate bombardments and those whose primary purpose is to spread terror [9]. Precautions [10] in bombardments and against their effects are prescribed.

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