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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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