IHL of international armed conflicts \[1\] prescribes different treatment for persons/objects based on their status \[2\]. Certain circumstances may entail a loss of status for a protected person \[3\] or object \[4\]. For instance, combatants \[5\] engaged in espionage \[6\] on enemy territory out of uniform \[7\] forfeit prisoner of war \[8\] status, and the special regime of treatment \[9\] that is attached to this status.

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