Refers to the effects of certain methods\(^1\) or means of warfare\(^2\) which uselessly aggravate the suffering of disabled men. International humanitarian law forbids such methods\(^1\) and means\(^2\).

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