In international humanitarian law, the use of laser weapons is prohibited when they are specifically designed, as their sole combat function or as one of their combat functions, to cause permanent blindness to unenhanced vision, that is to the naked eye or to the eye with corrective eyesight devices.

See Weapons [1];

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Chapter 9, III. 2. c) dd) blinding weapons [2]

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