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The environment is considered the physical, chemical and biological conditions that make possible and are propitious to the life of living creatures. It is prohibited to use methods ^[1] or means of warfare ^[2] which are intended or may be expected to cause widespread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment and thereby to prejudice the health or survival of the population. Attacks ^[3] against the natural environment by way of reprisals ^[4] are also prohibited.

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