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SCHEDULES

[^{F2}FIFTH SCHEDULE

PROTOCOL I

Textual Amendments

F2 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by 1995 c. 27, s. 6, **Sch.**; S.I. 1998/1505, **art. 2**

^{F1}PART IV

CIVILIAN POPULATION

Textual Amendments

F1 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by 1995 c. 27, s. 6, **Sch.**; S.I. 1998/1505, **art. 2**

^{F1}ARTICLE 56—

PROTECTION OF WORKS AND INSTALLATIONS CONTAINING DANGEROUS FORCES

Textual Amendments

F1 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by 1995 c. 27, s. 6, **Sch.**; S.I. 1998/1505, **art. 2**

^{F3}1 Works or installations containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dykes and nuclear electrical generating stations, shall not be made the object of attack, even where these objects are military objectives, if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces and consequent severe losses among the civilian population. Other military objectives located at or in the vicinity of these works or installations shall not be made the object of attack if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces from the works or installations and consequent severe losses among the civilian population.

Textual Amendments

F3 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by 1995 c. 27, s. 6, **Sch.**; S.I. 1998/1505, **art. 2**

^{F4}2 The special protection against attack provided by paragraph 1 shall cease:

(a) for a dam or a dyke only if it is used for other than its normal function and in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support;

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- (b) for a nuclear electrical generating station only if it provides electric power in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support;
- (c) for other military objectives located at or in the vicinity of these works or installations only if they are used in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support.

Textual Amendments

F4 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by [1995 c. 27, s. 6, Sch.](#); [S.I. 1998/1505, art. 2](#)

- ^{F53} In all cases, the civilian population and individual civilians shall remain entitled to all the protection accorded them by international law, including the protection of the precautionary measures provided for in Article 57. If the protection ceases and any of the works, installations or military objectives mentioned in paragraph 1 is attacked, all practical precautions shall be taken to avoid the release of the dangerous forces.

Textual Amendments

F5 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by [1995 c. 27, s. 6, Sch.](#); [S.I. 1998/1505, art. 2](#)

- ^{F64} It is prohibited to make any of the works, installations or military objectives mentioned in paragraph 1 the object of reprisals.

Textual Amendments

F6 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by [1995 c. 27, s. 6, Sch.](#); [S.I. 1998/1505, art. 2](#)

- ^{F75} The Parties to the conflict shall endeavour to avoid locating any military objectives in the vicinity of the works or installations mentioned in paragraph 1. Nevertheless, installations erected for the sole purpose of defending the protected works or installations from attack are permissible and shall not themselves be made the object of attack, provided that they are not used in hostilities except for defensive actions necessary to respond to attacks against the protected works or installations and that their armament is limited to weapons capable only of repelling hostile action against the protected works or installations.

Textual Amendments

F7 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by [1995 c. 27, s. 6, Sch.](#); [S.I. 1998/1505, art. 2](#)

- ^{F86} The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict are urged to conclude further agreements among themselves to provide additional protection for objects containing dangerous forces.

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F8 Fifth and Sixth Schedules inserted (20.7.1998) by [1995 c. 27, s. 6, Sch.](#); [S.I. 1998/1505, art. 2](#)

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- F97** In order to facilitate the identification of the objects protected by this Article, the Parties to the conflict may mark them with a special sign consisting of a group of three bright orange circles placed on the same axis, as specified in Article 16 of Annex I to this Protocol. The absence of such marking in no way relieves any Party to the conflict of its obligations under this Article.

Note: the reference in this paragraph to Article 16 of Annex I is to be read as a reference to Article 17 of that Annex, following the entry into force on 1 March 1994 of amendments to Annex I made under Article 98.]

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