

**COUNTRY:** IRAN

**COMMITTEE:** LEGAL COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

**TOPIC:** The question of legal framework for the Prisoners of War (POW) and its safe conduct regarding their protection during war times.

Prisoner of war is a person who has been captured and imprisoned by the enemy in war.

When war breaks out between two countries, sometimes countries do not only engage in armed conflict. They also try to harm each other diplomatically and socially. The way to harm diplomatically is to get other countries on your side so that the other side is the only one left in the war. When other countries do not want to go to war, the belligerent countries find their own solutions to win. One of these methods is taking prisoners. This action, which is done with the idea that the other side will raise the white flag or accept defeat in order to prevent harm to its citizens, leads to the harm of the civilian population and the growth of the war.

As the Iranian Republic of course, we do not want a new war to start in our world, which is already in enough turmoil. But when we are involved in a war, we need to think about the interests of our own country. When we cannot end the war with weapons, we have to resort to other methods. One of the most useful ways for us is to take prisoners. Our country believes that taking prisoners can end the war by providing them with food, drink and shelter in the best possible way. Of course, the civilian population must not be harmed in the process. Looking at the past, we can say that Iran has followed this policy.

We have said that we think captivity is a good solution, but we are aware that it looks scary from the outside. So we would like to explain ourselves. Prisoners could be gathered together in concentration camps, where their basic needs would be met and social spaces could be created for them to spend their time. These practices can be applied in situations where war cannot be ended.

Last but not least, we strongly believe that peace in the world will be achieved and people will live in peace. We hope this problem will be solved with the help of UN and LEGAL committee.

## **Resources**

<https://merip.org/1984/07/treatment-of-prisoners-of-war-in-the-iran-iraq-conflict/>

<https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/77555?ln=en>

<https://iolani.libguides.com/c.php?g=315201&p=2105239>