Annex 2

Main points of UNOCHA’s Aide Memoire for the Consideration of Issues Pertaining to the Protection of Civilians, 2004

1. Prioritise and support the immediate protection needs of displaced persons and civilians in host communities.

2. Facilitate safe and unimpeded access to vulnerable populations as the fundamental pre-requisite for humanitarian assistance and protection.

3. Maintain the humanitarian and civilian character of camps for refugees and internally displaced persons.


5. Facilitate the stabilisation and rehabilitation of communities.


7. Build confidence and enhance stability through the promotion of truth and reconciliation.

8. Strengthen the capacity of local police and judicial systems to enforce law and order.

9. Achieve disarmament, demobilisation, reintegration and rehabilitation of former combatants.

10. Facilitate a secure environment for vulnerable populations and humanitarian personnel.

11. Address the problems of small arms and land mines.

12. Ensure the sensitisation of multinational forces to issues pertaining to the protection of civilians.

13. Address the specific needs of women for assistance and protection.

14. Strengthen the role of women as constructive actors in developing and implementing appropriate responses to protecting civilians.

15. Address the specific needs of children for assistance and protection.

16. Counter the occurrences of speech used to incite violence.

17. Promote and support accurate management of information on the conflict.

18. Address the impact of national natural-resource exploitation and illicit trade on the protection of civilians.

19. Minimise unintended adverse consequences of sanctions on the civilian population.