

What To Know

International Law

4 International Laws that Are Important to Remember

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The UN Convention of the Law of the Sea

The UNCLOS discusses the responsibilities that each country has over its waters. Remember : international waters begins 22 km out of a countries' coastline.

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Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

Limits countries to the conditions that are necessary for nuclear proliferation. It also discusses peacetime use of nuclear power.

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The Geneva Conventions

This first took place in Switzerland in 1864, last being WWII in 1949. It introduced laws over the protected treatments of POWs, now including civilians and wounded people.

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The Biological and Chemical Warfare Conventions

The BWC is an agreement to stop stockpiling biological toxin weapons that have "Microbial or other biological agents, or toxins whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes." The CWC bans the use of chemical weapons in war.