

Draft Resolution on the Ethical Responsibilities of Science in the Context of War and Conflict

Recalling that wars and conflicts in the 20th century have caused over 110 million deaths, alongside profound disruptions to societies, ecosystems, and the trajectory of human progress including achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing that wars and conflicts continue to pose fundamental challenges to the advancement and preservation of human civilization,

Acknowledging the intricate intersection of scientific advancements and innovations with the military-industrial complex, which has significantly expanded the destructive capacity of modern warfare,

Emphasizing the urgent need for a proactive and systematic approach to address the ethical responsibilities of global science in the context of war and conflict,

Requests the International Science Council (ISC) to:

1. Explore the development of a "War-Science Ethics" framework, establishing an ethical foundation analogous to the ethical principles in relation to climate change¹.
2. Align scientific research and innovation with the goals of peace, human well-being, and planetary stewardship.

Affirms that by addressing these challenges, science can contribute to securing a sustainable, just, and peaceful future for all.

¹ Declaration of Ethical Principles in relation to Climate Change (UNESCO)

<https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs/declaration-ethical-principles-relation-climate-change>