



THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA



Country: Republic of Colombia

Committee: DISEC

Agenda Item: The Russia-Ukraine War And The Use Of Weapons In International Law

Republic of Colombia, is a country primarily located in South America with insular regions in North America. The Colombian mainland is bordered by the Caribbean Sea to the north, Venezuela to the east and northeast, Brazil to the southeast, Ecuador and Peru to the south and southwest, the Pacific Ocean to the west, and Panama to the northwest. Colombia is divided into 32 departments. Its rich cultural heritage—including language, religion, cuisine, and art—reflects its history as a colony, fusing cultural elements brought by immigration from Europe. The government of Colombia takes place within the framework of a presidential participatory democratic republic as established in the Constitution of 1991.

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which began in February 2022, has raised numerous critical questions regarding the use of weapons in conflict and their compatibility with international law. In the context of this war, both the legal frameworks surrounding the conduct of hostilities and the legality of specific weapons employed by parties to the conflict have been subjects of intense scrutiny. International Humanitarian Law (IHL) regulates armed conflict to protect those not involved in hostilities (e.g., civilians, medical staff) and to limit the means and methods of warfare. It is based on treaties like the Geneva Conventions and customary international law. Various weapons used in the Russia-Ukraine conflict have drawn attention concerning their compliance with international law. Indiscriminate Weapons, Chemical and Biological Weapons, Landmines, Drones and Remote Warfare, Thermobaric Weapons.

As of the first day of the war, we, as the Colombian government and former heads of state, stated that this war would lead to human rights violations. We have argued that international organizations should intervene in this matter as soon as possible. According to the information we have at the moment, more than 12,000 civilians have lost their lives . As Colombia, we urgently demand that an international commission must be established to prevent the increase in civilian casualties, and that decisions on war criminals be made and sanctions be applied.