

Declaration of the Third Meeting of Signatories to Geneva Call's *Deeds of Commitment*

Concerned that armed conflicts continue to cause enormous suffering to civilian populations worldwide, including among the most vulnerable, in particular children;

Recognizing the responsibility of all parties to armed conflict to both respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian norms;

Stressing that awareness and ownership of international humanitarian norms by all parties to armed conflict are critical in efforts to improve compliance;

Noting that humanitarian engagement with parties to armed conflict does not affect their legal status;

Recalling declarations adopted by Signatories to Geneva Call's *Deeds of Commitment* at the First and Second Meeting of Signatories in 2004 and 2009;

We, the participants of the Third Meeting of Signatories to Geneva Call's *Deeds of Commitment*,

- *Reaffirm* our willingness and responsibility to respect and protect the civilian populations and persons not or no longer taking part in hostilities;
- *Call* on States to respect and adhere to international humanitarian norms;
- *Undertake* to increase efforts to implement international humanitarian norms in our policies and practice;
- *Welcome* Geneva Call and other humanitarian organizations' engagement and training on international humanitarian norms and call upon States, international organizations and donors to support such efforts;
- *Recognize* that instruments such as the *Deeds of Commitment* encourage ownership and compliance with international humanitarian norms;
- *Commend* the increased adherence to the *Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines and for Cooperation in Mine Action*, the *Deed of Commitment for the Protection of Children from the Effects of Armed Conflict* and the *Deed of Commitment for the Prohibition of Sexual Violence in Situations of Armed Conflict and Towards the Elimination of Gender Discrimination*, as well as the progress in their implementation since the Second Meeting of Signatories;
- *Recognize* the importance of exploring ways of strengthening monitoring and compliance mechanisms with international humanitarian norms and *express* our readiness to contribute our views to such a process;
- *Encourage* Geneva Call to continue its efforts to promote respect for international humanitarian norms and to explore the development of new *Deeds of Commitment*.

This declaration was adopted by 35 armed non-State actors on 20 November 2014 in Geneva.

Ansarullah	Al-Houthi movement
CNF	Chin National Front
Hazzm	Hazzm Movement
HPC-D	Hmar Peoples Congress-Democracy
HPG/PKK	People's Defence Forces/Kurdistan Worker's Party
JEM	Justice and Equality Movement
KDP-Iran	The Kurdistan Democratic Party – Iran
KIO	Kachin Independence organization
KNF	Kuki National Front
KNO	Kuki National Organization
KNU /KNLA	Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army
Komalah Communist	Komalah-The Kurdistan Organization of the Communist Party for Iran
KPIK	Komala Party of Iranian Kurdistan
KPK	Komala Party of Kurdistan
MILF	Moro Islamic Liberation Front
NMSP	New Mon State Party/Mon National Liberation Army
NSCN-IM	National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isaac Muivah)
NSCN-KK	National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khole-Kitovi)
PDKI	Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan
PJAK	Free Life Party of Kurdistan/ Liberation Forces of Eastern Kurdistan
PNLO	Pa'O National Liberation Organization
Polisario Front	Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el Hamra and Rio de Oro
RPM-M	Revolutionary Workers Party of Mindanao
SLM-AW	Sudan Liberation Movement – Abdel Wahid al-Nur
SLM-MM	Sudan Liberation Movement – Minni Minnawi
SNF	Somali National Front
Somaliland	Somaliland Authorities
SPLM-N	Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement – North
SSA-N	Restoration Council of Shan State / Shan State Army
SSA-S	Restoration Council of Shan State / Shan State Army (South)
YPG	People's Protection Units
ZRO	Zomi Re-unification organization

3 more armed non-State actors were represented confidentially.