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Report: Suggested amendments on Article(8) paragraph (b) and (c)

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The headlines that are being circulated are very important, and we must limit the apparent conflict to the special military operations carried out by these companies, and some of them are ambiguous in their movements and evade accountability or refuse to be audited by the host country or international bodies.

This formula is the most restrictive of the activities of the implicitly mentioned security companies, as they become close to the activities of "mercenaries" in hotbeds of armed conflicts. We have many examples in hot areas, especially in the Middle East. In this context, it is imperative to shed light on some facts to show the danger of those companies in Iraq that participated in the military actions there in addition to Afghanistan for the benefit of a foreign country.

This company has a database of about 21,000 former Special Forces soldiers that can rely on their services, and has advanced military equipment that is no less than that of regular armies.

The same applies to other companies that carry out military activities on the African continent, and it is attributed to this group that the regime of one of the regimes was supported by the armed militias of Africans that supported it before its fall.

Accordingly, we suggest that the eighth paragraph (8, clause (b), be as follows:

 To establish a grievance mechanism from international civil judiciary bodies upon reporting serious violations, provided that that body has independent powers and is supervised by the United Nations.

We also suggest that clause (c) of the eighth paragraph (8) be as follows:

- To supervise and hold accountable the employees of private military and security companies who are involved in misconduct or gross violations of the Code of Ethics of International Law, the Geneva Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the legal committee mentioned in clause (b) Article (8) without the need to obtain prior approval from the United Nations Council or the



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Secretary-General of Security, especially in mass killings that amount to war crimes, or overthrowing government systems

Your cooperation in the sake of Humanity is always highly appreciated and until then, I

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Yours sincerely

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