EXAMPLE RULES FOR FIGHTERS
The following list provides a concise set of international humanitarian law (IHL) rules that armed groups can integrate into their operational guidance as a minimum standard.

These rules are not an exhaustive list of the IHL rules that apply to armed groups. In addition to other IHL rules, groups must also take account of rules from other bodies of law, including human rights law, and other international standards and ethics, when drafting operational guidance.

1. Only fight combatants and only attack military objectives.

2. Do not attack civilians, combatants who are wounded, sick or surrendering, or civilian objects.

3. Do not damage or steal civilian property.

4. Limit destruction to what your mission requires.

5. Do not use weapons or tactics that cause unnecessary suffering or injuries, or may have indiscriminate or disproportionate effects. Do not use prohibited weapons.

6. Take care to avoid harm to the civilian population.

7. Take all feasible precautions to avoid or minimize incidental harm to civilians and civilian objects and to protect civilians from the danger of military operations.
8. Do not starve the civilian population or deprive them of objects essential to their survival.

9. Collect and provide medical care for the sick and wounded, whether friend or enemy.

10. Collect and respect the dead. Keep any information that will help identify them.

11. Do not fight or harm enemies who have surrendered or who are captured. Protect them and treat them humanely.

12. Treat civilians in your power humanely.

13. Protect civilians against all forms of ill-treatment.

14. Do not take hostages or use human shields.

15. Do not commit or permit rape or sexual violence against anyone.

16. Do not forcibly displace civilians unless this is necessary for their own safety or for imperative military reasons.

17. Do not recruit children into your armed group and do not use them in fighting.

18. Respect and protect all medical and humanitarian personnel, facilities and transport. Do not use medical facilities or transport for military purposes.

19. Do not attack personnel or objects bearing the red cross, red crescent or red crystal emblem. Do not misuse the emblems.
20. Allow humanitarian aid to reach civilians in need as quickly as possible and take steps to help it get through to them. Do not create obstacles or delays.

21. Respect all cultural objects, education facilities, places of worship and the natural environment.

22. Apply these rules even if the enemy does not. Do not commit acts of revenge.

23. Do everything possible to prevent any breach of the above rules. Report any violation to your commander.