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Proposal submitted by Japan on article 8 (2)

Add the following paragraph to the chapeau of the Elements of Crimes for War Crimes:

“The elements for war crimes under article 8, paragraph 2, of the Statute shall be interpreted within the established framework of international law of armed conflict, including international law of armed conflict applicable to armed conflict at sea.”