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**Proposal submitted by South Africa concerning article 2,
paragraph 1**

Any person commits an offence within the meaning of this Convention if that person, by any means, unlawfully and intentionally:

(a) Endangers the life, physical integrity or freedom of a civilian or any person not taking an active part in armed conflict; or

(b) Causes serious damage or major economic loss to public or private property, including a place of public use, a State or government facility, a public transportation system, an infrastructure facility, the environment or natural resources;

when the purpose of the conduct, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population or section thereof, or to compel a Government or an international organization, to do or abstain from doing any act.