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Contemporary military operations are constrained not only by legal principles, but extensive policy considerations as well. Actions otherwise lawful under the law of armed conflict may nevertheless have broader repercussions modern militaries need to take into account when planning and conducting them, in particular when the operations may involve civilian losses acceptable under the law. In addition, engagements undertaken by coalition forces may be subject to different legal obligations by each of the parties in question, necessitating adequate policy standards for joint action.

Taking into account the experience of coalition forces in various recent and ongoing armed conflict situations such as Syria, Iraq and Yemen, this briefing will address the practical issues involved from the perspective of both law and policy.

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