

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

DRAFT COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ARTICLE 5

(Right to Life)

List of items suggested by Governments for insertion in the enumeration of detailed limitations of the right safeguarded by Article 5:

1. Suppression of rebellion or riots (South Africa)  
Deprivation of life by the military or state officers  
in a national emergency (U.S.A.)
2. Self-defence and defence of another (South Africa; U.S.A.)
3. Killing in attempting to effect arrests for certain  
offences (South Africa)
4. Killing by accident (U.S.A.)
5. Killing for violation of honour (U.S.A.)
6. Killing of persons caught in the commission of a felony (U.S.A.)
7. Killing to prevent an escape (U.S.A.)
8. Killing by medical operation in absence of gross negligence or  
malpractice (U.S.A.)
9. Killing through a voluntary medical experiment (U.S.A.)
10. Killing by officers of the law to prevent the commission of  
a crime (see also supra 6) (U.S.A.)
11. Killing by officers of the law in a local emergency (U.S.A.)
12. Killing by the military in time of war (U.S.A.)

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