The use of drones in foreign territory by NGOs and Governments.

“To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;”

-The UN Charter

There is no specific law in the United Nations on the use of drones, therefore all legislation is part of other legislations.

The first part of legislation is the United Nations charter it self. It prescribes that all nations has to stripe for international security and Pease. That means that it is the responsibility of the single nations to entertain this, at the same time interpret this. This allows for a great deal of differences in the way countries and NGOs use drones.

The second part of the issue is the use in foreign territory. A country decides them self whom they allow to fly military flights in an airspace.

Some nations justify their use with the the fact that the targets they pursue has committed war crimes against the country executing them. This is generally not the problem, the problem is rooted in civilian casualties origination from drone actions. This can be seen as a breach of international law according to [Christof Heyns](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/17/un-rapporteur-heyns-drone-strikes-yemen-pakistan), UN's special rapporteur.

So far, 4 countries has actively used armed drones in warfare, UK, USA, Yemen and Afghanistan. There is great difference in the number of strikes and civilian casualties. In 2013, drones was responcible for 45 % of airstrike kills on civilians.

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