

5.6.1.2 *Dual-Use Objects*. Sometimes, “dual-use” is used to describe objects that are used by both the armed forces and the civilian population, such as power stations or communications facilities. However, from the legal perspective, such objects are either military objectives or they are not; there is no intermediate legal category.¹⁹⁶ If an object is a military objective, it is not a civilian object and may be made the object of attack.¹⁹⁷ However, it will be appropriate to consider in applying the principle of proportionality the harm to the civilian population that is expected to result from the attack on such a military objective.¹⁹⁸

