

Attribution of legality to a use of force in selected cases

Year	Origin of the Threat	Alleged Threat		Response		Response directed to political regimes						International Investigation of Facts	Multilateral Response	Vote											Legality response					
		Nature	Variant	Alleged usual category	Real from panoply	Hostiles Regimes			Failed States		Authoritarian Regimes			Resolution Number	Security Council			Permanent Members					General Assembly			O.A.S.				
						Avoid their consolidation in power	Provoke a regime change	Neutralize their action	Hostile Bases	Regime change	Install a democracy				Restore a democracy	F	Ag	Abs	US	GB	FR	CH	RU	F		Ag	Abs	F	Ag	Abs
1956	Hungary	imminent	hostile regime	self-defence	armed intervention (regime change)	X						restore an authoritarian regime	condemned	condemned by UNGA	A/1133	could not condemn because of crossed vetoes					60	10	10	not competent			GI			
1967	Six Days War	imminent	anticipation	self-defence	precautionary self-defence			X					not proposed	asked for Israeli retreat; Chap. VII	242	unanimity					X			not competent			GL			
														UNGA rejected a condemnatory proposal	x	x					22	71	27							
1976	Entebbe	carried out (1)	armed attack (1)	self-defence	armed intervention (2)			X					not proposed	not condemned	considered but not condemned					the issue was not considered			not competent			GI				
1978	Litani Operation	carried out	armed attack	self-defence	armed intervention (3)				X				not proposed	requested Israeli withdrawal	425	12	0	2	F	F	F	N	A	the issue was not considered			not competent			I
		imminent	sequence of events																											
1979	Afghanistan (USSR)	imminent	hostile regime	self-defence	armed intervention (regime change)			X	X			install an authoritarian regime	not proposed	the Assembly condemned	A/ES-6/2	couldn't condemn because of a USSR veto					104	18	8	not competent			MI			
1981	Iraq (Osirak)	possible	prevention	precautionary self-defence	preventive intervention			X					not proposed	condemned and ordered reparations	487	unanimity					X			not competent			I			
															A/36/27	x					109	2	34							
1982	Nicaragua (sandinism)	carried out (4)	hostile regime	collective self-defence	containment	X(6)	X(7)	X(6)					question submitted to the ICJ, that only considered the information provided by the parties	UNGA condemned external involvement in the region	38/10	couldn't condemn because of a US veto					X			X			GI			
		possible (5)			armed intervention (regime change)											I.C.J. condemned the US														
1990	Iraq (Kuwait)	carried out	armed attack	collective self-defence; Chap. VII	collective self-defence; Chap. VII			X					not proposed	UNSC authorized the use of force	678	12	2	1	F	F	F	A	F	X			not competent			L
														condemned violations against Kuwaiti human rights	A/45/170	X					144	1	0							
1999	Kosovo	carried out	crimes against Humanity (8)	humanitarian intervention	humanitarian intervention; deterrence			X	X				OSCE mission	didn't authorize the use of force	X	Could not authorize due a threat of a veto from Russia					the issue was not considered			not competent			GI			
2001	Afghanistan	carried out	armed attack (9)	self-defence	armed intervention (regime change)			X	X			X	not proposed	recognized the right to self-defence	1368	unanimity					X			not competent			GL			
															A/56/1	X					approved without a vote									
2003	Iraq	possible	hostile regime	unilateral Chap VII	armed intervention (regime change)			X	X			X	UNSCOM condemned Iraq lack of cooperation	ultimatum	intervention not authorized due a threat of a veto from France, Russia and China					the issue was not considered			not competent			GI				
2008	Israel in Gaza	carried out	armed attack	self-defence	armed intervention; deterrence (10)			X	X				not proposed	condemned the lack of proportionality of the response	1860	unanimity					the issue was not considered			not competent			D			

References: (1) Attack against nationals abroad; (2) Protection of nationals abroad; (3) Intervention against terrorist bases; (4) Regime change in neighboring countries; (5) Against US interests in the region; (6) In neighboring countries; (7) In Nicaragua; (8) Massive violations of human rights (ethnic cleansing);

(9) Terrorist attack in the US by groups bases; (10) Intervention against terrorist bases.