

Evolution of the paradigm of the legality of armed responses to threats

<i>Paradigm</i>	<i>Deterrence Containment</i>	<i>Self-defense</i>	<i>Precautionary self-defense</i>	<i>Armed retaliation</i>	<i>Chapter VII authorized</i>	<i>Chapter VII unilateral</i>	<i>Armed intervention</i>	<i>Humanitarian intervention</i>	<i>Preventive intervention</i>
<i>Classic Period</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>
<i>Between Wars</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>GI</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>1945</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Cold War</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Post Cold War</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GI</i>	<i>GI</i>	<i>GI</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Preventive Intervention</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>GL</i>
<i>Future</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>GI</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>I</i>

**L:** Legal. Consensus that a rule authorises the use of force

**GL:** Generally legal. General agreement that a rule authorises the use of force in certain circumstances

**D:** Disputed. General disagreement as to whether a rule authorises the use of force

**GI:** Generally illegal. General agreement that a rule prohibits the use of force in certain circumstances

**I:** Illegal. Consensus that a rule prohibits the use of force