Article 12

(1) No person shall be deprived of his life intentionally except in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of a criminal offence under the law in force in Zambia of which he has been convicted.

(2) No person shall deprive an unborn child of life by termination of pregnancy except in accordance with the conditions laid down by an Act of Parliament for that purpose.

(3) Without prejudice to any liability for a contravention of any other law with respect to the use of force in such cases; as are hereinafter mentioned, a person shall not be regarded as having been deprived of his life in contravention of this Article if he dies as a result of the use of force to such extent as is reasonably justifiable in the circumstances of the case –

   a. For the defence of any person from violence or for the defence of property;
   b. In order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;
   c. For the purpose of suppressing a riot, insurrection, mutiny or if he dies as a result of a lawful act of war;
   d. In order to prevent the commission by that person of a criminal offence.