

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.