

Statement by  
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- Second: it is prohibited to cause unnecessary suffering to combatants: thus, it is accordingly prohibited to use weapons causing them such harm or uselessly aggravating their suffering. In application of this principle, States do not have unlimited freedom of choice of means in the weapons they use.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Against this backdrop, the Islamic Republic of Iran fully recognizes the indispensable role of international humanitarian law, especially the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions in minimizing the negative impacts of armed conflicts. As such, cognizant of horrible consequences of IHL violations, the Islamic Republic of Iran has made constant efforts in promoting, publicizing and disseminating knowledge of IHL norms including among its armed

The creation of the Iranian National Committee on Humanitarian Law has been a turning point in promoting knowledge of IHL in the country. It has actively contributed to the promotion

On the context of regional cooperation, the 8th South Asian Conference on International

November 2018. The objective of this conference which will be co - organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and ICRC is to provide States and relevant stakeholders in the region with a platform to discuss various aspect of IHL and issues related