

**TABLE OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES
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as of 31 December 2007 (total by continent)

EUROPE	CENTRAL ASIA	ASIA & PACIFIC	THE AMERICAS	AFRICA	MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHERN AFRICA
Austria	Kazakhstan	Australia	Argentina	Benin	Algeria
Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Indonesia	Bolivia	Burkina Faso	Egypt
Belgium	Tajikistan	China	Brazil	Cape Verde	Iran
Croatia		Japan	Canada	Comores	Jordan
Denmark		Korea (Rep. of)	Chile	Côte d'Ivoire	Kuwait
Finland		Nepal	Columbia	Gambia	Libya
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		New Zealand	Costa Rica	Kenya	Morocco
France		Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Saudi Arabia
Germany		Philippines	El Salvador	Madagascar	Syria
Greece		Sri Lanka	Ecuador	Malawi	Tunisia
Hungary			Guatemala	Mali	United Arab Emirates
Italy			Honduras	Mauritius	Yemen
Lithuania			Nicaragua	Namibia	
Moldova (Rep. of)			Panama	Senegal	
Norway			Paraguay	Seychelles	
Poland			Peru	South Africa	
Romania			Trinidad & Tobago	Sudan	
Slovakia			Uruguay	Swaziland	
Slovenia				Togo	
Spain				Zimbabwe	
Sweden					
Ukraine					
United Kingdom					
TOTAL: 23	TOTAL: 3	TOTAL: 10	TOTAL: 18	TOTAL: 20	TOTAL: 12
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Country	Name and address of committee	Year established / Legal basis / Operation	Composition	Mandate	
Algeria	National Committee on International Humanitarian Law Ministry of Justice	<u>Established:</u> 2007 <u>Legal basis:</u> <i>No information available</i>	<u>Representatives:</u> <u>Chairmanship:</u>	Y	
Argentina	<i>Comisión de Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CADIH)</i> c/o Ministerio de Defensa Azopardo 250, Piso 13° 1328 Buenos Aires Tel. +5411 43468877	<u>Established:</u> 1994 <u>Legal basis:</u> Executive Decree No. 933/94 of 16 June 1994 <u>Operation:</u> internal regulations	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, and Justice <u>Chairmanship:</u> rotating among the participating ministries <u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Defence	Y Y Y Y Y Y	To ensure implementation of international humanitarian law by drawing up laws, regulations and other texts designed to ensure respect for international commitments in this area; to teach and disseminate international humanitarian law among the military and civilians.
Australia	Australian Red Cross National Committee on International Humanitarian Law c/o Rebecca Dodd National IHL Manager Australian Red Cross NSW 159 Clarence St Sydney 2000 AUSTRALIA	<u>Established:</u> 1977 <u>Legal basis:</u> administrative understanding <u>Operation:</u> internal regulations	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, academic circles, experts and Australian Red Cross <u>Chairmanship:</u> Professor Stuart Kaye, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne <u>Secretariat:</u> Australian Red Cross	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y	To promote knowledge of international humanitarian law, Red Cross Fundamental Principles and the correct use of the emblem in Australia; to work closely with relevant government departments, the Australian Defence Force and Divisional IHL Committees to ensure the fulfilment of Australia's international obligations under IHL and to assist the development of government policy on IHL; to generate support for a more vigorous approach to IHL by governments through contacts with parliamentarians, political parties, NGOs and the wider community; to promote education and debate on current IHL issues; to encourage international respect for IHL and increased participation in IHL instruments, particularly in the Asia Pacific region; to contribute to the development of IHL principles by the ICRC and other interested parties; to assist in reviewing ARC policies and materials in relation to IHL.

Austria	<p>Interministerial Working Group on the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Völkerrechtsbüro Abt. 1/7 Ballhausplatz 2 1014 Vienna</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1988</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> ad hoc mandates</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Chancellery, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, academic circles and Austrian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To coordinate ratification of instruments of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to prepare for and follow up International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.</p>
Belarus	<p>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Kollectornaya str., 10 220004 Minsk Fax +375-17-2201225</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1997</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Council of Ministers Order No. 1242 of 19 September 1997</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Committee statutes of 26 January 1998 and internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Deputy Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, Justice, Defence, Education, Interior, Foreign Affairs, CIS Affairs, Health, Culture, State Security Committee, academic circles, Red Cross Society of Belarus</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Minister of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Y To promote the ratification of and adherence to humanitarian law treaties, and the amendment of national legislation to comply with these treaties, and to contribute to the dissemination of humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to draw up advisory opinions on the Republic's position on problems of humanitarian law, draft treaties, and national implementation legislation;</p> <p>Y to examine proposals and coordinate activities of bodies concerned with the implementation of humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to monitor the application of rules of humanitarian law at the national level;</p> <p>Y to cooperate and exchange information with the ICRC and other international organizations involved in implementation of humanitarian law.</p>
Belgium	<p><i>Commission interministérielle de droit humanitaire (CIDH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère des affaires étrangères Palais d'Egmont 8, Petit Sablon 1000 Bruxelles</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1987</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Royal Decree of 6 December 2000 restructuring the Committee</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations of 14 September 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Prime Minister, Justice, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Health, Development Cooperation, representatives of the Governments of the Communities and Regions, permanent experts, and Belgian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> decided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p>	<p>Y To identify and submit to the ministries concerned measures that need to be taken at the national level to implement humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to follow up and coordinate these measures;</p> <p>Y to assist the federal government through studies, reports, opinions, or proposals relating to the application and development of humanitarian law.</p>

Benin	<p><i>Commission nationale pour la mise en œuvre du droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la Justice, de la Législation et des Droits de l'Homme B.P. 976 Cotonou</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1998</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 98-155 of 27 April 1998</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Defence, Interior, Security, Health, Family, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Finance, Education and Scientific Research, Bar Association, and Red Cross of Benin</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and Red Cross of Benin</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of the Interior</p>	<p>Y To ensure effective implementation of and respect for international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to encourage the promotion and defence of its rules and provisions;</p> <p>Y to disseminate, teach and popularize humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to perform other duties as instructed by the government, including giving opinions on any questions referred to it.</p>
Bolivia	<p><i>Comisión Nacional Permanente para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CNPADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto Plaza Murillo, Ingavi esqu. Junín La Paz</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1992</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 23.345 of 2 December 1992; reorganized pursuant to Resolution No. 218.456 of 17 August 1998 issued by the President of the Republic and the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, which came into force on 30 October 1998</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Interior, Sustainable Development and Planning, Supreme Court, National Congress, Bolivian Red Cross, and academic circles</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To monitor the dissemination and implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to examine internal regulations and any amendments required for the incorporation of provisions of humanitarian law into national legislation, and to propose their approval by the executive and legislative authorities.</p>
Brazil	<p><i>Comissão Nacional para Difusão e Implementação do Direito Internacional Humanitário no Brasil</i></p> <p>Ministerio das Relações Exteriores Palácio do Itamaraty, Anexo I, Sala 215-A Telefone: (61) 411 6048 Fax: (61) 322 9332</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree of 27 November 2003</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Health, Education, Culture, President's Civil House and Special Secretariat for Human Rights, Federal Senate, Chamber of Deputies, Brazilian Red Cross and ICRC</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Foreign Affairs Ministry</p>	<p>Y To propose to the relevant authorities the measures needed to implement and make better know IHL at the national level, in particular the Geneva Conventions, their Additional Protocols and other IHL treaties to which Brazil is party.</p>

Burkina Faso	<p><i>Comité interministériel des droits humains et du droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la Promotion des droits humains 11 BP 852 Ouagadougou Tel. +226 503-164-20</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2005</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 2005-100/PRES/PM/MPDH of 23 February 2005</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Secretary Generals of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation; Defense; Security; Social Affairs and National Solidarity; for the Promotion of Women; Basic Education and the Elimination of Illiteracy; Land Administration and Decentralization; Secondary and Higher Education and Scientific Research; Labor, Employment and Youth; Health; Environment; Finance and Budget; and the Burkina Faso Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Secretary General of the of the Ministry for the Promotion of Human Rights</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Permanent technical Secretary nominated by Decree adopted by the Council of Ministers</p>	<p>Y To facilitate the coordination of actions undertaken by the respective Ministerial Departments for the promotion and the protection of human rights;</p> <p>Y to examine the policies, strategies and issues on human rights submitted by the Government;</p> <p>Y to provide technical support to the preparation of reports which Burkina Faso must present in particular to the institutions and committees of the United Nations, of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as to the African Commission on Human Rights and Peoples (ACHRP), in conformity with the State's conventional obligations in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law (IHL);</p> <p>Y to study any disputes on human rights and IHL involving the State and submitted by the Government;</p> <p>Y to contribute to the introduction of human rights and IHL education in the formal and non-formal systems of education;</p> <p>Y to disseminate human rights and IHL in the framework of all State bodies entrusted with respecting humanitarian rules, in particular within the armed forces.</p>
Canada	<p>Canadian National Committee for Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Canadian Red Cross Society 170 Metcalfe St., Suite 300 Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2P2</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1998</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Memorandum of understanding of 18 March 1998</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> according to terms of reference of 18 March 1998</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs and International Trade, National Defence, Justice, Solicitor-General (represented by Royal Canadian Mounted Police), Canadian International Development Agency and the Canadian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Department of National Defence</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Canadian Red Cross Society</p>	<p>Y To recommend ratification of instruments of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to facilitate the implementation of obligations arising from this body of law, in particular by reviewing and advising on national legislation and administrative measures (repression of violations of humanitarian law, protection of the emblems, guarantees for protected persons);</p> <p>Y to advise on disseminating and training in international humanitarian law in Canada (aimed at the armed forces, police, civil servants, humanitarian organizations, legal and medical professions, schools and universities, journalists and the public at large);</p> <p>Y to coordinate and stimulate activities of the government and other organizations to strengthen and disseminate humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to recommend the adoption of measures to promote national implementation in other States drawing on the resources and expertise available in Canada;</p> <p>Y to maintain a pool of personnel with expertise in humanitarian law and ensure links with other national committees and the ICRC.</p>

Comores	<i>Commission interministérielle du droit international humanitaire (CIDIH)</i> c/o M. Maanfou Mohamed Secrétaire général Croissant-Rouge Comorien Boulevard de la Ligue Etats Arabes, Moroni, Comoros Tel/Fax: +269 730 664	<u>Established:</u> 2003 <u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 03 - 104/PR of 17 November 2003	<u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Social Affairs, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Secretary-General of the Comoros Red Crescent and Secretary-General of the Grand Mufti <u>Chairmanship:</u> Government representative for human rights and humanitarian affairs (Ministry of Justice)	Y To liaise between the government and other parties concerned with respect for IHL; Y to promote ratification and implementation of IHL instruments; Y to foster the development of IHL, help make it better known and promote attendance at relevant international forums.
Costa Rica	<i>Comisión Costarricense de Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i> Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto Casa Amarilla Apartado 10027-1000 San José Tel: (506) 233-6625 Fax: (506) 233-6625	<u>Creation:</u> 2004 <u>Legal base:</u> Executive Decree No. 32077-RE of 21 May 2004 (entry into force on the same day). (published in "La Gaceta: Diario Oficial" No. 216, 4 November 2004).	<u>Membership:</u> Ministries of the Presidency; Foreign Affairs and Worship; Public Security; Justice and Pardon; Public Education; Culture, Juveniles and Sports; the General Prosecutor's Office; the Legislature; the Judiciary; the University of Costa Rica; the National University; the Office of the Ombudsman; the National Council of Rectors; the Lawyers' College and the Costa Rican Red Cross <u>Chairmanship and Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Y To make recommendations and to propose to the Government the adoption of national measures for the implementation of international humanitarian law and the elaboration of laws and regulations in this field; Y to promote, develop and support the dissemination of international humanitarian law in State institutions and in the society at large; Y to participate in meetings, seminars and conferences organised in this field by the Government; Y to promote and support the authorities in charge of higher education in the incorporation of international humanitarian law within academic curricula; Y to propose measures contributing to the application and respect of international humanitarian law.
Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Commission interministérielle nationale pour la mise en œuvre du droit international humanitaire</i> c/o Ministère de la Justice et des Libertés publiques P.O. Box V 107 Abidjan Tel. +225 20322432	<u>Established:</u> 1996 <u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 96-853 of 25 October 1996 <u>Operation:</u> internal regulations	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Interior, Health, Economy, Higher Education, Bar Association, and Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire <u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice and Public Freedom <u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire <u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Y To ensure respect for and effective implementation of international humanitarian law; Y to review and draw up laws and regulations for the application of humanitarian law in areas where national legislation needs to be supplemented or amended, and submit them to the government; Y to ensure that humanitarian law is applied in Côte d'Ivoire; Y to encourage the promotion, dissemination and teaching of humanitarian law.

Croatia	<p>Croatian National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Croatian Red Cross 14 Ulica Crvnog Kriza 10000 Zagreb Tel. +385 1 4655 812 Fax +385 1 4550 072</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Department for the UN and Human Rights Trg. N. S. Zringskog 7-8 10 000 Zagreb Tel: +385 14569 964 Fax: +385 1 4597416</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government decision of 13 July 2000</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Justice, Defence, Culture, Administration, Health, Education, Government Human Rights Office, academic circles and Croatian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Croatian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To coordinate all activities of State bodies dealing with the protection and promotion of international humanitarian law, including the Croatian Parliament, the Office of the Ombudsman as well as non-governmental organizations;</p> <p>Y to evaluate the status of implementation of humanitarian law in Croatia and make recommendations in this field, in particular for the creation of ad hoc working groups for the adoption of required implementation measures.</p>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	No information available.			Y
Denmark	<p>Governmental Red Cross Committee</p> <p>c/o Danish Red Cross Blegdamsvej 27 2100 Copenhagen Tel. +45 35 25 92 00 Fax +45 35 25 92 10</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1982</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government decision of 16 July 1982</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Interior, Education, Health, Civil defense, armed forces, Judge Advocate General, and Danish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Danish Red Cross</p>	<p>Y To ensure the application of international humanitarian law by reviewing administrative measures to be adopted in order to meet the obligations arising from international humanitarian law treaties, particularly in the areas of disseminating and teaching international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to coordinate the implementation of these measures;</p> <p>Y to serve the government in an advisory capacity.</p>
	<p>International Humanitarian Law Committee of the Danish Red Cross</p> <p>(same as above)</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1995</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Governing Board of the Danish Red Cross of 17 March 1995</p>	<p><u>Composition:</u> legal and medical experts with special knowledge of international law issues</p>	<p>Y To advise the governing bodies of the Danish Red Cross regarding questions of humanitarian law at national and international levels;</p> <p>Y to prepare concrete proposals for the promotion of humanitarian law and other related rules;</p> <p>Y to represent the Danish Red Cross in national and international bodies and fora;</p> <p>Y to promote cooperation with national authorities, institutions and universities;</p> <p>Y to develop and maintain contacts with similar committees in other National Societies, the ICRC, and the Federation.</p>

Dominican Republic	<p><i>Comisión Nacional Permanente para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Secretaría de Estado de Relaciones Exteriores Avenida Independencia 752 Santo Domingo Tel. +1 809 535 6280 Fax +1 809 535 6848</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1995</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 131-99 of 30 March 1999</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Armed Forces, Education, Culture, Health, Labour, Sports and Leisure, Public Prosecutor's Office, national police, legal office of the executive branch, and the Dominican Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To recommend appropriate measures for better national implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to promote draft legislation and regulations for the application of humanitarian law treaties;</p> <p>Y to disseminate this body of law among State authorities;</p> <p>Y to promote the inclusion of this body of law in official teaching programmes.</p>
Ecuador	<p><i>Comisión Nacional para la aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Executive Decree of the President No. 1741 of 16 August 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Foreign Affairs, National Defense, Ministry of Security and the Police, Social Affairs, Congressional Commission for Legislation and Codification, Congressional Commission on Human Rights, Supreme Court of Justice, and Ecuadorean Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ecuadorean Red Cross Society</p>	<p>Y To promote accession to international instruments in the field of international humanitarian law,</p> <p>Y to prepare draft laws, regulations and instructions for the implementation of the norms and principles of IHL;</p> <p>Y to promote the dissemination and integration of the instruments of IHL at all levels of the educational system and training programs;</p> <p>Y to monitor the practice in the field of IHL and to make recommendations;</p> <p>Y to develop, promote and coordinate a "national plan of action" to ensure the promotion and application of IHL;</p> <p>Y to analyse the recommendations of international organisations and to propose measures for their implementation at the national level;</p> <p>Y to promote the cooperation between the Government and international organisations to strengthen respect for international humanitarian law.</p>
Egypt	<p>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Lazoughli Square Cairo Tel. +202-792-2269 Fax +202-795-6059</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Prime Minister's Decree No. 149 of 23 January 2000</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Higher Education, National Security, and Egyptian Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Y To promote implementation of international humanitarian law, coordinate activities of the agencies concerned, and make proposals to decision-makers;</p> <p>Y to propose an annual plan on national measures for dissemination of humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to promote training of public officials responsible for its implementation;</p> <p>Y to contribute to training and development programmes for these officials;</p> <p>Y to exchange information and experiences with other bodies concerned with international humanitarian law.</p>

El Salvador	<p><i>Comité Interinstitucional de Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CIDIH-ES)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Edificio 3, 2da. Planta Centro de Gobierno San Salvador Tel. +503 22 24 447</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1997</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 118 of 4 November 1997</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Public Security, Justice, Education, Defence, Health, Treasury, Public Prosecutor's Office, Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, and Salvadorian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To advise the government on measures to be adopted in order to implement, apply, and disseminate international humanitarian law at the national level.</p>
Finland	<p>Finnish National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs P.O. Box 176 Laivastokatu 22 00161 Helsinki</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1993</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 8 December 1993</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Education, Social Affairs and Health, Defence, armed forces, Finnish Red Cross, Finnish Society of Humanitarian Law and Finnish branch of Amnesty International</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y to coordinate the implementation and dissemination of the Conventions and Protocols and other international humanitarian law instruments;</p> <p>Y to prepare for the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and other international conferences relating to humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to monitor new developments in international humanitarian law and consider their implications for Finland.</p>
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>National Committee on IHL</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dame Gruev 1000 Skopje</p> <p>c/o Makedonski crven krst (Macedonian Red Cross) No. 13 Bul. Koco Racin 1000 Skopje</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Secretary General of the Government of 7 June 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice, Education and Science, Culture, Health, General Secretariat of the Government, Macedonian Red Cross Society, as well as other Ministries and academic circles on an ad-hoc basis.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Macedonian Red Cross Society</p>	<p>Y To evaluate existing national law in regard to the obligations under IHL treaties;</p> <p>Y to make recommendations for the further implementation of IHL and to promote activities for the dissemination and spreading of knowledge in the field of IHL.</p>

France	<p><i>Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme (CNDH)</i></p> <p>c/o Bureau du Premier ministre 35, rue Saint-Dominique 75700 Paris</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1947</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Loi No. 2007-292 du 5 mars 2007 relative à la Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme</p> <p>Décret no. 2007-1137 relatif à la composition et au fonctionnement de la Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Functions related to humanitarian law are carried out by Subcommittee "E" on "Humanitarian action and law", which was established on 10 December 1996</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> executive, judiciary and legislative branches of government, private individuals, and civil society including the French Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> university faculty member</p>	<p>Subcommittee "E" has the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ÿ to handle any problem concerning emergency humanitarian situations; ÿ to exchange information on the mechanisms required to face such situations; ÿ to prepare recommendations on the different forms of humanitarian aid in crisis situations; ÿ to monitor the application of international humanitarian law and make proposal on this subject.
Gambia	<p>Interministerial Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Department of State for Justice Mumar Kaddafi Avenue Banjul Tel. +220-227-238 Fax +220-225-352</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> letter from the President's Office to the Department of State for Justice of 12 August 1999</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Interior, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Health, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Department of State for Justice</p>	<p>ÿ To promote new national implementation measures, including ratification of international humanitarian law treaties.</p>
Germany	<p>German Red Cross Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o German Red Cross Headquarters Carstennstr. 58 12205 Berlin</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1973</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> German Red Cross Statutes of 1993</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, academic circles, and German Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> university faculty member</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> German Red Cross</p>	<p>ÿ To be a forum for consultation and coordination between the German Red Cross and the various departments of the federal government;</p> <p>ÿ to focus on implementation, development and dissemination of international humanitarian law.</p>

Greece	<p>Committee for the Implementation and Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Legal Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zalokosta 2 Athens 106-71</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Ministerial Decree No. 2/53482/0022 of 24 December 2003, as modified by Ministerial Decree No. 2/14275/0022 of 23 June 2005</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs; National Defence; Internal Affairs, Public Administration and Decentralization; Public Order; Education and Religious Affairs; Justice; Health and Social Solidarity; Culture; General Secretariat of the New Generation; Directorate of Political and Emergency Planning; academic circles; Hellenic Red Cross.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> University law professor</p>	<p>Y To help the Ministry of Foreign Affairs carry out its duties more efficiently by advising it on the implementation of international humanitarian law by the administration and public agencies;</p> <p>Y to put forward initiatives and proposals designed to encourage civil society to take action in all areas of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to make recommendations and proposals concerning legislation to enforce the country's obligations under international humanitarian law treaties; to propose the ratification of such treaties; to advise the government on policy to promote international humanitarian law at national and international levels; and to recommend ways of disseminating this law to the media, NGOs, social partners, agencies, schools, etc.;</p> <p>Y to promote widespread dissemination programmes;</p> <p>Y to liaise with academic circles and agencies involved in matters pertaining to international humanitarian law, with similar authorities and agencies in other countries, and with the ICRC and other international bodies.</p>
Guatemala	<p><i>Comisión Guatemalteca para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (COGUADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores 2a Avenida Reforma 4-47, Zona 10 Ciudad Guatemala Tel. +502 348 04 00 Fax +502 348 04 40</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government Agreement No. 948-99 of 28 December 1999</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Education, Defence, Health, Presidential Commission for Human Rights (COPREDEH), Secretariat for Peace, judiciary, Congress, Public Prosecutor's Office, Human Rights Procurator, Bar Association and Guatemalan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To recommend measures for adoption by the government to ensure implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y in accordance with this aim, to submit draft legislation and regulations to the President of the Republic for consideration;</p> <p>Y to spread knowledge of international humanitarian law within State institutions and among the general public;</p> <p>Y to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Committee's willingness to represent Guatemala at international fora dealing with this body of law;</p> <p>Y to suggest other activities designed to promote respect for humanitarian law.</p>

Honduras	<i>Comisión Interinstitucional Honduriega de Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i>	<p><u>Established:</u> 20 April 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government Agreement of 20 April 2007 Published in the Official Gazette (<i>La Gaceta</i>, No. 31,283) of 20 April 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Representatives of the Secretaries of State of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Justice, Public Security, Defense, Education, Health, of the Presidential Administration, the Honduras Institute of Anthropology and History, the Bar Association, the Council for Higher Education, and the Honduras Red Cross.</p> <p>Representatives of the Legislative and Judicial powers, of Civil Society and of International Organizations may also be invited when considered appropriate.</p>	<p>Y To promote the dissemination of international humanitarian law at the national level;</p> <p>Y to assess the compatibility of national legislation with regard to the obligations resulting from the Geneva Conventions, their Additional Protocols and other instruments of IHL to which Honduras is a State party, and to promote the adaptation of domestic law in accordance with those treaties;</p> <p>Y to promote the application and dissemination of IHL through the adoption of normative, legislative, judicial and administrative measures, in particular with regard to the prevention of grave violations of IHL, and the protection of the emblems of the red cross, red crescent and red crystal, as well as other protective signs and signals;</p> <p>Y to promote the teaching of IHL in higher education, in particular for the training of legal advisers in the armed forces and other civil servants;</p> <p>Y to ensure the marking of national heritage protected under international humanitarian law.</p>
Hungary	<p>National Committee for the Dissemination and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs International and European Law Department Nagy Imre tér 4. 1027 Budapest, Hungary Tel. +36 1 458 1142 F:+36 1 458 1091</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Executive Decree No. 2095/2000 (V.9.) of 9 March 2000</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Revised statutes of 29 March 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Justice, Health, Education, and Cultural Heritage, Social Affairs and Family</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Defence</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Hungarian Red Cross</p>	<p>Y To advise the government on international humanitarian law issues;</p> <p>Y to promote the dissemination of this body of law within the country, in particular in institutions of higher or secondary education, and in the armed and security forces, and to make recommendations;</p> <p>Y to help government authorities to consider negotiation and accession to humanitarian law treaties and to contribute to the elaboration of new treaties;</p> <p>Y to consult and cooperate with the ICRC;</p> <p>Y to exchange ideas with similar committees in European Union member States, in neighboring countries especially.</p>

Hungary	<p>National Committee for the Dissemination and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs International and European Law Department 1027 Budapest Bem rakpart 47 Tel. +36 1 458 1142 F:+36 1 458 1091</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Executive Decree No. 2095/2000 (V.9.) of 9 March 2000</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Revised statutes of 29 March 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Justice, Health, Education, and Cultural Heritage, Social Affairs and Family</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Defence</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Hungarian Red Cross</p>	<p>Y To advise the government on international humanitarian law issues;</p> <p>Y to promote the dissemination of this body of law within the country, in particular in institutions of higher or secondary education, and in the armed and security forces, and to make recommendations;</p> <p>Y to help government authorities to consider negotiation and accession to humanitarian law treaties and to contribute to the elaboration of new treaties;</p> <p>Y to consult and cooperate with the ICRC;</p> <p>Y to exchange ideas with similar committees in European Union member States, in neighboring countries especially.</p>
Iran	<p>Iranian National Committee on Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Iranian Red Crescent Society Ostad Najatollahi Ave. Tehran Tel. +98 21 884-9077 Fax +98 21 884-9079</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis and operation:</u> Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. H 19651T/77125 of 17 May 1999 (Statutes of the Committee)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Health, Defence and Armed forces</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Iranian Red Crescent Society</p>	<p>Y To develop and present for approval suitable measures for implementing international humanitarian law at the national level, including the ratification of treaties;</p> <p>Y to monitor compliance with this body of law at the national level;</p> <p>Y to teach and promote the concepts of humanitarian law among the armed forces, the general public and educational institutions;</p> <p>Y to represent the government on issues relating to humanitarian law in national and international fora;</p> <p>Y to coordinate the exchange of information with regional and international organizations;</p> <p>Y to deal with matters covered by humanitarian law relating to refugees, prisoners of war and other victims of war.</p>
Italy	<p><i>Commissione di Studio per l'adeguamento dell'ordinamento giuridico agli accordi e alle regole di diritto internazionale umanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministro degli Affari Esteri Servizio del Contenzioso Diplomatico, Trattati e Affari Legislativi Ufficio 1 1, Piazzale della Farnesina 00199 Roma Tel. +39 64 759223 Fax +39 64 759430</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1988</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> reorganized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Decree No. 215bis of 16 February 1998</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, judiciary, academic circles, and Italian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To review measures necessary for adapting domestic legislation to the provisions of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to review amendments to legislation needed for the repression of war crimes and other violations of international humanitarian law.</p>

Japan	National Committee on International Humanitarian Law c/o Japanese Red Cross Society 1-3 Shiba Daimon, 1-Chome Minato-Ku Tokyo 105-8521 Tel. +81 3 3438-1311 Fax +81 3 33435-8509	<u>Established:</u> 1999	<u>Representatives:</u> Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Education, Defence, Health and Labor, academic circles, and Japanese Red Cross Society <u>Secretariat:</u> Japanese Red Cross Society	Y To study means of spreading knowledge of international humanitarian law, its implementation, its legal aspects, the teaching of this area of law, exchanges of information, and other aspects considered necessary by the Committee.
Jordan	National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law c/o Jordan Red Crescent P.O. Box 10001 11151 Amman Tel. +96264773141 Fax +96264750815	<u>Established:</u> 1999 <u>Legal basis:</u> Temporary Law No. 63 of 20 August 2002 <u>Operation:</u> regulations issued by the Commission	<u>Representatives:</u> Prime Minister, Justice, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Education, Health, Directorate of Military Courts, Directorate of Public Security, Directorate of Civil Defence, Jordan University, National Assembly, experts appointed by the Chairman of the Committee, Jordan Red Crescent (represented by its President). <u>Chairmanship:</u> appointed by the King <u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Jordan Red Crescent <u>Secretariat:</u> Jordan Red Crescent	Y To devise and implement the general policy, strategy, plans and programs for raising awareness of the principles of international humanitarian law at the national level; Y to promote, together with the ICRC and the parties concerned, efforts to disseminate the principles of international humanitarian law; Y to exchange information and experiences with national, Arab, regional and international organizations and commissions concerned with international humanitarian law and strengthen ties with them; Y to carry out research and studies for the parties concerned, present proposals to them and give them advice; Y to issue publications on international humanitarian law and the means by which it may be implemented; Y to adopt, together with the parties concerned, recommendations and reports related to the principles of international humanitarian law and its development; Y to help improve legislation related to international humanitarian law.
Kazakhstan	Interdepartmental Commission on International Law and the International Human Rights Treaties c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs 10, Beybitshilik St. Astana, 473000 Republic of Kazakhstan Tel: +3172 153 003 Fax: +3172 327 567	<u>Established:</u> 2003 <u>Legal basis:</u> Government Resolution No. 1251 of 9 December 2003 <u>Operation:</u> internal regulations approved by Government Resolution No. 1251 of 9 December 2003	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Industry and Trade, Justice, Labor and Social Insurance, Health, Economy, Interior, Environmental Protection, Information, Defence, Education, General Prosecutor's Office and National Security Committee <u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Foreign Affairs Ministry	Y To submit advice and proposals to the government on meeting obligations under IHL and international human rights law, on implementing the treaties of those bodies of law and on improving domestic legislation to bring it in line with the resulting obligations; Y to spread knowledge of IHL and promote wider international cooperation in respecting IHL and human rights law.

Kenya	National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law c/o Mr Wanjuki Muchemi Solicitor-General State Law Office Attorney-General's Chamber P.O. Box 40112 00100 Nairobi, Kenya Tel. +254 20227605 Fax: +254 20214343	<u>Established:</u> 2001 <u>Legal basis:</u> Memorandum of the Attorney-General of 5 October 2001	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Attorney-General, Interior, Police, Prisons, Youth, Women, Refugees, Health and Education, academic circles, judiciary, Kenya Bar Association, Kenya Medical Association, and Kenya Red Cross Society	Y To promote respect for international humanitarian law through its implementation and dissemination.
Korea (Republic of)	Korean National Committee for International Humanitarian Law c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Treaties Bureau) 77 Sejongro Chongrogu Seoul (110-760) Tel. +822 720 92 13 Fax +822 725 07 67	<u>Established:</u> 2002 <u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential decree No. 15602 <u>Operation:</u> Decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade No. 42 of 17 October 2002	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Education and Human Resources, Justice, National Defence, Cultural Properties Administration, Korean Red Cross Society and academic circles <u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Y To monitor and coordinate the dissemination and implementation of international humanitarian law; Y to advise on matters relating to ratification of humanitarian law treaties; Y to review national legislation and propose measures to implement the rules of international humanitarian law; Y to promote international humanitarian law in educational institutions, armed forces and to the general public; Y to cooperate and exchange information with national committees of other countries, the ICRC and international organizations.
Kuwait	National Commission for International Humanitarian Law c/o Ministry of Justice	<u>Established:</u> 2006 <u>Legal basis:</u> Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of Justice of 9 October 2006	<u>Membership:</u> Ministries of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Interior, and Information; Faculty of Law of Kuwait University; Kuwait Red Crescent Society. <u>Chairmanship:</u> Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Justice	Y To study and assist in bringing domestic legislation in line with the obligations resulting from the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, as well as other IHL instruments; Y to coordinate the activities of State bodies involved in the implementation of IHL. and to provide recommendations, proposal and advice on the implementation of IHL at the national level; Y to set up a plan for the organization of training and dissemination programs to develop knowledge of IHL.

Kyrgyzstan	<p>Interdepartmental Committee on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Ozorbekova St. 37 720040 Bishkek Tel. +996 312 22 84 89 Fax +996 312 66 30 40/44</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government Resolution No. 361 of 18 June 2003</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Regulations annexed to Resolution No. 361 of 18 June 2003</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Foreign Affairs, Health, Interior, Environment and Emergencies, Defence, Education, Science and Culture, Social Fund; in coordination with National Security Service, Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan, and ICRC</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Y To assist in bringing domestic legislation in line with IHL treaties;</p> <p>Y to analyse and assess legislation as regards compliance with IHL norms;</p> <p>Y to suggest ways of improving the implementation of IHL;</p> <p>Y to consider and develop opinion briefs on draft international treaties and national laws in the sphere of IHL;</p> <p>Y to coordinate the activities of State bodies involved in the implementation of IHL;</p> <p>Y to promote the dissemination of IHL and gather information on developments in the area of IHL;</p> <p>Y to monitor the implementation of its own decisions;</p> <p>Y to facilitate interaction and the exchange of information with the ICRC and other international organizations active in the area of IHL.</p>
Lesotho	<p>Lesotho National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Mrs M. Lebesa Principal Secretary Chair of the National Committee on IHL Ministry of Defence & National Security Private Bag A 116 Maseru, 100 Lesotho Tel. +266 22 316 570 Fax: +26622 310 518</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Memorandum of understanding of March 2001 among the entities concerned</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Defence, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Law and Constitutional Affairs, Interior, Police, Health and Education, armed forces, academic circles and Lesotho Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Defence</p>	<p>Y To advise the government on matters relating to ratification of or accession to humanitarian law treaties;</p> <p>Y to set up education and training programs as a means of spreading knowledge of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to prepare studies;</p> <p>Y to identify, prepare, and adopt measures for the implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to monitor the implementation of this body of law at ministerial level.</p>
Lithuania	<p>Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of National Defence Totori• g. 25/3 LT-01121 Vilnius Tel. +370 5 2735 635 (Agn• Bernardiši• t•) Fax +370 5 2126 967</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Amendment to the regulations of the Ministry of National Defence of 22 May 2001, and ordinance of the Ministry of National Defence of 30 August 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> National Defence, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Culture, Health, European Law, Justice, Armed Forces, and Lithuanian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of National Defence</p>	<p>Y To act as an advisory body of the Ministry of National Defence in favor of coordination of national implementation of humanitarian law, including participation in treaties, training programs, and proposals for enacting or amending legislation.</p>

Libya	National Committee on International Humanitarian Law	<p><u>Established:</u> 2005</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree of the General Popular Committee No. 253 of 18 December 2005 establishing the National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Secretariat of the General Popular Committee, General Popular Committees for Justice, Defense, External Communication and International Cooperation, Public Security, Health Care, Higher Education, Culture, National Center for Educational Planning, Charitable Foundations, Bar Association, IHL experts, and Libyan Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Secretary of the General Popular Committee for Justice</p>	<p>Y Develop strategies, plans and programs in the field of implementation of IHL;</p> <p>Y Study IHL Conventions and prepare draft legislation in implementation of these conventions;</p> <p>Y Prepare and implement training programs on IHL;</p> <p>Y Organise national regional and international seminars and events to study IHL and its national implementation;</p> <p>Y Coordinate among national bodies concerned with the implementation of IHL;</p> <p>Y Monitor violations of IHL and propose remedial measures;</p> <p>Y Enact measures to promote and disseminate an IHL culture.</p>
Madagascar	<p>Commission Nationale Du Droit International Humanitaire (CONADIH)</p> <p>c/o Mrs Liliane Arivony Rasendra Président de la commission nationale du droit international humanitaire (CONADIH) Magistrat chef de service des relations extérieures Tananarive (101) Faravotriha, Madagascar Tel: +261 20 22 233 65 Email: rarivony@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Governmental Decree relating to the establishment of an <i>Inter-ministerial Committee for the Red Cross</i> of 27 June 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior and Administrative Reform, National Defense, Health and Family Planning, State Secretariat for Public Security, representatives of civil society and of the Malagasy Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Y To coordinate and follow-up actions for the national implementation of international humanitarian law treaties;</p> <p>Y to evaluate existing domestic law and other national measures of implementation and to advise the Government on the development of IHL;</p> <p>Y to ensure the dissemination of IHL on the national Territory.</p>
Malawi	<p>Malawi National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Brigadier General RRK Chimowa Ministry of Defence Private Bag 339 Lilongwe 3, Malawi Tel: +265 1 788 920 Mobile: ++2658872 368 / 820 2258 Email: rhchimowa@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Memorandum of understanding of March 2001 among the ministries concerned</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Defence, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, judiciary, Human Rights Commission, and Malawi Red Cross Society</p>	<p>Y To advise the government on legislation to implement international humanitarian law, including the adoption of measures for the punishment of war criminals, respect for the emblem, and the protection of civilians during armed conflict;</p> <p>Y to help spread knowledge of this body of law.</p>

Mali	<p><i>Comité de pilotage du programme national pour l'éducation à la culture de la paix et aux droits humains</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de l'Éducation de base P.O. Box 71 Bamako Tel. +223 222 450</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1998</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Ministerial Decree No. 98-401/PM/-RM of 11 December 1998</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Prime Minister's Office, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Interior, Culture, Education, National Advisory Committee on Human Rights, National Commission for UNESCO, cultural and religious associations, trade unions, and human rights NGOs</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Basic Education</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Secondary and Higher Education and Scientific Research</p>	<p>Y To develop and evaluate the national programme for education in the spheres of peace and human rights;</p> <p>Y to propose or initiate awareness-raising activities aimed at promoting behavior conducive to peace and respect for human rights;</p> <p>Y to ensure the follow-up and evaluation of these measures and activities.</p>
Mauritius	<p>National Humanitarian Law Committee of Mauritius</p> <p>c/o Mrs Kan Oye Fongwengpoorun Permanent Secretary Prime Minister's Office President of the National Humanitarian Law committee of Mauritius Level 4, Government Centre Port-Louis, Mauritius Tel: +230 201 1366 Fax: +230 211 9272</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Cabinet decision of 12 October 2001 (memorandum of the Prime Minister's Office of 11 December 2001)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Public Prosecutor's Office, Finance, Social Security, Education, Culture, Health, and Mauritius Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Prime Minister's Office</p>	<p>Y To ensure effective implementation and application of international humanitarian law instruments;</p> <p>Y to help spread knowledge of these instruments at the national level.</p>
Republic of Moldova	<p>National Committee on Consultation and Coordination of Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>31 August, 82 2012 Chisinau Tel. +373 2 234351 Fax +373 2 232527</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1996</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Governmental Decrees No. 382-P of 9 September 1996 and No. 121-P of 21 October 1998</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Government Order No. 259 of 1 April 1999 (internal regulations)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Education, National Security, Health, Labor, Defence, Justice, Civil Defence, Police and Red Cross Society of Moldova</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To review and evaluate national legislation in the light of international humanitarian law treaties;</p> <p>Y to present conclusions to the government on issues relating to national implementation, make appropriate recommendations, and monitor their application;</p> <p>Y to coordinate the activities of the governmental bodies concerned;</p> <p>Y to spread knowledge of international humanitarian law.</p>

Paraguay	<p><i>Comisión Interministerial de Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Defensa Nacional Edificio del Ministerio de Defensa Mcal. López esquina Vicepres. Sánchez Asunción</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1995</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 8802 of 12 May 1995; reorganization by Presidential Decree No. 15926 of 28 December 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Justice and Employment, Paraguayan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Defence</p>	Y To consult with the public and private institutions concerned and make recommendations to the authorities on means of implementing, applying, and disseminating international humanitarian law.
Peru	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Estudio y Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CONADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Justicia Scipión Llona 350 Miraflores Lima Fax +511 441 05 47</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Resolution (Resolución Suprema) No. 234-2001-JUS of 1 June 2001</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Ministerial Resolution No. 240-2001-JUS of 23 July 2001 (regulations of procedure and operation)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence and academic circles</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Y To carry out studies and make recommendations on implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation of this body of law;</p> <p>Y to help spread knowledge of this body of law.</p>
Philippines	<p>Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) International Humanitarian Law National Committee</p> <p>c/o The Philippine National Red Cross Bonifacio Drive, Port Area P.O. Box 280 2803 Manila Fax +63 2 257 08 57</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Philippine National Red Cross upon approval by its Board of Governors on 26 April 2000</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Education, Justice, armed forces, police, Commission on Human Rights, Philippine Society on International Humanitarian Law, Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines, Philippine Coalition to Stop the Use of Children as Soldiers, various other legal and academic circles and Philippine National Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Philippine National Red Cross</p>	Y To act as an advisory body on international humanitarian law, especially with respect to the promotion of this body of law, the development of dissemination strategies, the emblem campaign, networking, and assistance to victims of war.

Poland	<p>Commission for International Humanitarian Law Affairs</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal and Treaty Department Al. J. ch. Szucha 23. 00-580 Warsaw Tel. +48 225239424 Fax +48 225238329</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Regulation No. 51 of 20 May 2004 issued by the Prime Minister</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs and Administration, Finance, Culture and National Heritage, Science, Health, National Education, Defense, Justice, Prime Minister's Office</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Prime Minister's Office</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> appointed by the Chairman</p>	<p>Y To promote the norms of international humanitarian law and introduce them into the Polish legal system;</p> <p>Y to analyse international agreements on international humanitarian law and put forward proposals for legislation to implement them;</p> <p>Y to advise the prime minister on legislative and educational activities in the field of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to analyse legislation being prepared, assess government programmes and review relevant documents;</p> <p>Y to prepare educational projects in the field of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to maintain ties with other committees in Poland and abroad concerned with international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to formulate Poland's position at international conferences on the basis of proposals made by the minister in charge.</p>
Romania	<p>Romanian National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Aleea Modrogan nr. 14 Bucharest</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Government of 29 March 2006 (published in the Official Gazette of 13 April 2006)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice, Home Affairs and Administration Reform, Public Health, Education, Research and Youth.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Rotating among the participating Ministries</p>	<p>Y to promote the ratification of and accession to IHL treaties and amendment of national legislation to comply with these treaties</p> <p>Y to analyse national legislation and to advise the Government on measures to be adopted in order to implement and apply IHL at the national level</p> <p>Y to contribute to the dissemination of IHL in educational institutions, armed forces and to the general public; to teach and popularize IHL and to monitor its dissemination and implementation.</p>
Saudi Arabia	<p>National Commission on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>Saudi Red Crescent Society Tel: +966 1489 2555</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> Decree of the Council of Ministers No. 144 of 14 May 2007 (27-04-1428 Hégire)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Defense and Aviation, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Higher Education, Cultural and Information, Economy and planning, Education, Saudi Red Crescent Society, Human Rights Committee within the Consultative Council.</p>	<p>Y to promote awareness of IHL</p>

Senegal	Haut Commissariat aux droits de l'homme et à la promotion de la paix c/o Haut Commissariat aux Droits de l'Homme Rue Félix Faure, Dakar	<u>Established:</u> 2004 <u>Legal Basis:</u> Decree N° 2004-657 relating to the creation, the organisation and the functions of the High Commission for Human Rights and the Promotion of Peace	<u>Chairmanship:</u> High Commissioner <u>Composition:</u> a Human Rights Office; a Unit for the follow-up of International Law; a Unit for the documentation and promotion of human rights law and international humanitarian law.	Y to receive and conduct investigations into complaints made by legal or physical persons and organisations working in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law Y to promote the reception, integration and implementation into domestic law of international treaties relating to human rights law or international humanitarian law Y to contribute to the dissemination of human rights law and international humanitarian law
Seychelles	National Committee on Humanitarian Affairs c/o Ms Vivianne Fock-Tave Special Advisor Ministry of Foreign Affairs Maison Queau de Quinssy Mont Fleuri Victoria Republic of Seychelles Tel: +248 283526 Fax: +258 224845	<u>Established:</u> 2001 <u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Council of Ministers of 23 May 2001	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Public Prosecutor's Office, Health, Education, Defence, police, Seychelles Red Cross Society, Ombudsman, and LUNGOS (Liaison Unit of NGOs) <u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Y To review national legislation and propose to the government the adoption of measures needed to implement the rules of international humanitarian law and human rights law; Y to monitor and coordinate the application of these rules; Y to promote and disseminate these rules at the national level; Y to take part in the drafting of reports to be submitted to United Nations treaty monitoring bodies.
Slovakia	Committee on International Humanitarian Law c/o Slovak Red Cross Grösslingova 24 81446 Bratislava Tel. +421 2 52925305 Fax +421 2 52923279 c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of the Public International Law Division International Law Department Hlboka cesta 2 83336 Bratislava	<u>Established:</u> 2001 <u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 20 September 2001 (statutes of the Committee); entered into force 1 January 2002	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Education, Culture, armed forces, Ombudsman, and Slovak Red Cross <u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs <u>Secretariat:</u> Slovak Red Cross	Y To analyze the implementation status of international humanitarian law in national law and its application by national courts and administrative authorities; Y to propose to the authorities the adoption of measures to ensure effective implementation of this body of law; Y to propose Slovakia's participation in other humanitarian law treaties; Y to help spread knowledge of this body of law in schools, the armed forces, and the police; Y to cooperate with national committees of other countries and with international organizations.

Sudan	<p>National Commission for international humanitarian law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Khartoum PO Box 302 Khartoum Al Baladiyah street 11111 Khartoum</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 48 of 8 February 2003</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Health, Education, Higher Education, Defence, Humanitarian Affairs, International Cooperation, Information, Council of Ministers, Chairman of the Law Commission of the National Assembly, Sudanese Intelligence, Sudanese Red Crescent and independent dignitaries and experts</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> consists of the chairman, the rapporteur, the executive and the finance director, plus other persons appointed by the chairman</p>	<p>Y To review national legislation to determine whether it is in harmony with IHL and to suggest possible improvements;</p> <p>Y to set up the mechanisms and take measures needed to implement IHL;</p> <p>Y to approve programmes to spread knowledge of IHL and follow up implementation of legislative provisions in this area;</p> <p>Y to consider, approve and/or organize workshops and any other activity relating to IHL in Sudan and to participate in conferences and other activities abroad;</p> <p>Y to take part in studying new developments in IHL and make recommendations to the relevant national authorities;</p> <p>Y to cooperate and exchange experiences with national, regional and international organizations and assist the relevant national authorities in the drafting of reports;</p> <p>Y to coordinate government efforts and to advise the State on IHL.</p>
Swaziland	<p>National committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Mr Melusi Masuku Legal Advisor Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Second Floor Library Building Mbabane, Swaziland Tel: +268 404 2661/2/3 Fax: +268 404 2669</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Cabinet paper of 23 November 2004</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Private and Cabinet Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Education, Attorney General's Office, Royal Swaziland Police, Correctional Services, University of Swaziland, and Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>Y To take measures and to set up the mechanisms needed to implement IHL</p>
Sweden	<p>Swedish Total Defence Council for International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Defence Jakobsgatan 9 103 33 Stockholm Tel. +46 8 763 10 00 Fax +46 8 723 11 89</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1991</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government decision of 20 June 1991 (Bill 1990/91:102)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Armed forces, Military Institute, Civil defense, Health, and Swedish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Defence</p>	<p>Y To monitor implementation of international humanitarian law at the national level;</p> <p>Y to spread knowledge of this body of law in Sweden.</p>

	Advisory Group on Public International Law c/o Ministry for Foreign Affairs Gustav Adolfs Torg 1 P.O. Box 161 21 103 39 Stockholm Tel. +46 8 405 5985	<u>Established:</u> 1995 <u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, armed forces, Military Institute, Civil defense, Swedish Red Cross, Save the Children Fund, and legal experts <u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Y To monitor progress in international humanitarian law matters and recommend to the government possible areas of future developments.
Syria	National Committee on International Humanitarian Law The Cabinet Mezra'a, Shahbandar Street, Behind the Central Bank of Syria Damascus Te. +963 11 2450 250 Fax +963 11 245 10 43	<u>Established:</u> 2004 <u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 2.989 of 2 June 2004	<u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Justice, Red Crescent Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Higher Education, Syrian Arab Red Crescent and Syrian Civil Defence <u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry for Red Crescent Affairs and the Law of the Sea	Y To coordinate national action to disseminate international humanitarian law and to improve knowledge of the law; Y to adopt national legislation; Y to examine violations of the law; Y to support the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and the General Directorate for Civil Defence and International Cooperation.
Tajikistan	Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan Prospekt Rudaki 80 734001 Dushanbe Tel. +992372 24 76 46 Fax +992372 21 40 29	<u>Established:</u> 1999 <u>Legal basis:</u> Governmental Decree No. 277 of 2 July 1999 <u>Operation:</u> internal regulations of 3 August 1999	<u>Representatives:</u> Deputy Prime Minister, Justice, Defence, Security, Interior, Health, Foreign Affairs, Culture, Education, Labor, Environment, Emergency Situations, Presidential Administration and Guard, Border-Protection Committee, academic circles, and Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan <u>Chairmanship:</u> Deputy Prime Minister <u>Vice-Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice <u>Secretariat:</u> Directorate for Constitutional Guarantees of Citizens' Rights	Y To promote the national implementation of international humanitarian law and the ratification of the instruments composing it; Y to analyse national legislation and make proposals for bringing it into line with the requirements of humanitarian law; Y to coordinate the activities of the bodies involved in its implementation; Y to help spread knowledge of this body of law, especially by developing courses in international humanitarian law intended for all levels of teaching and for use in the armed forces; Y to cooperate with bodies of the State and with international organizations on matters relating to the development of humanitarian law.
Togo	<i>Commission interministérielle de mise en œuvre du droit international humanitaire</i> c/o Ministère de la Justice et des Droits de l'Homme P.O. Box 1325 Lomé	<u>Established:</u> 1997 <u>Legal basis:</u> Interministerial Order No. 97-031 of 11 June 1997	<u>Representatives:</u> Justice, Defence, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Health, Women's Affairs and Social Welfare, National Human Rights Commission, Togolese Red Cross, academic and religious circles <u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice and Human Rights	Y To review and propose to the government laws and regulations for the application of international humanitarian law; Y to contribute to the promotion and teaching of this body of law and to making it more accessible to the public; Y to monitor respect for and implementation of this body of law.

Trinidad and Tobago	<p>Inter-Ministerial Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Enterprise Development and Foreign Affairs 1 Queen's Park West Port of Spain Tel. +1 868 623 4116 Fax +1 868 624 4220</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1997 (ad hoc), 2001 (ad hoc)</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Cabinet Decision No. 211 of 21 February 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Security, Education, Health, Culture, Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society, and Public Prosecutor's Office</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To review and present to the government suitable recommendations relating to the 1954 Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict and its two protocols, and the 1980 Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its five Protocols.</p>
Tunisia	<p>Commission nationale de droit international humanitaire</p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice and Human Rights</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2006</p> <p><u>Legal Basis:</u> Decree n° 2006-1051 of 20 April 2006</p> <p>Published in the Official Journal n°33 of 25 April 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministry of justice and human rights and other concerned Ministries, the General Commissioner for Human Rights, the High Committee for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the Tunisian Union of Solidarity, the Tunisian Red Crescent, and chosen experts in the field of IHL.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Minister of Justice and Human Rights or his representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare recommendations for the adaptation of national legislation and practice to the requirements of IHL; • to draw up and carry out an annual strategy for the dissemination and national implementation of IHL in conjunction with relevant national bodies. • when called upon to do so, to issue legal recommendations on questions related to IHL and its field of application.
Ukraine	<p>Interdepartmental Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law in Ukraine</p> <p>13, Horodetskoho Str. 01001 Kyiv Or V. Grushevskogo12/2 252008 Kiev ? Tel. +380 44 207 46 07 Fax +380 44 207 46 08</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 1157 of 21 July 2000</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> internal regulations and composition approved on 21 July 2000</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Cabinet of Ministers, Emergency Situations, Finance, Interior, Health, Foreign Affairs, Economy, Education, Justice, Culture, armed forces, Human Rights, and Ukrainian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Vice-chairmanship:</u> Ukrainian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Cabinet of Ministers</p>	<p>Y To study and analyse Ukrainian legislation on international humanitarian law and prepare proposals, in order to bring this legislation into compliance with the regulations of international agreements to which Ukraine is a party;</p> <p>Y to coordinate activities of the ministries, other authorities and public organizations with an interest in the implementation of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to inform and assist organs of local and State authorities in their activities for the promotion and dissemination of international humanitarian law.</p>

United Arab Emirates	<p>National Commission for International Humanitarian Law (IHL)</p> <p>Ministry of Justice 28 Abn Al Rafai, Adkor PO Box 260 Abou Dhabi Tel: +971 02 6814 000 Fax: +971 02 6814 224 E-mail: moj@uae.gov.ae</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 32 of 1 November 2004</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Ministries of Foreign Affairs; Interior; Justice, Islamic Affairs and Awqaf; Supreme Command of the Armed Forces; National Security; University of the United Arab Emirates; and UAE Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> UAE Red Crescent Society</p>	<p>Y to reinforce the implementation of international humanitarian law and to ensure coordination among the competent State authorities;</p> <p>Y to review IHL related legislation and to submit recommendations thereon;</p> <p>Y to collect data and statistics related to the contributions of the State in this field;</p> <p>Y to reinforce cooperation and an exchange of experiences with the unions, societies, and other organizations active in the field of IHL;</p> <p>Y to set up plans and training programs and to organize seminars to ensure the raising of awareness and the dissemination of IHL.</p>
United Kingdom	<p>Inter-departmental Committee on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Foreign and Commonwealth Office Whitehall London SW1A 2AH Tel. +44 20 7008 3562</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> decision of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Office, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Defence, Education, Trade, Health, Social Security, Culture, International Development, Northern Ireland Office, Devolved Administrations for Scotland and Wales, and British Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p>	<p>Y To ensure interdepartmental consultation and coordination on international humanitarian law issues;</p> <p>Y to review national legislation in order to identify additions and amendments needed for full implementation of the obligations arising from this body of law;</p> <p>Y to encourage the dissemination of this body of law in the armed forces and among other parts of the population;</p> <p>Y to consider the advisability of United Kingdom participation in international treaties and conferences relating to this body of law;</p> <p>Y to monitor new developments in this area of law and review the implications for the United Kingdom;</p> <p>Y to promote consultations between the government, the British Red Cross, and other organizations concerned;</p> <p>Y to consider giving assistance to other States in implementing humanitarian law.</p>
Uruguay	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Derecho Humanitario (CNDH-Ur)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones exteriores, Dirección de Derechos Humanos Colonia 1206 11600 Montevideo Tel. +5982 902 7806 or +5982 902 1327 (2215)</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1992</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Executive Decrees No. 677/992 of 24 November 1992 and No. 244/996 of 3 June 1996</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice, Interior, Health, Education and Culture, Supreme Court, Uruguayan Red Cross, and academic circles</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Y To make recommendations on dissemination of international humanitarian law at all levels of public and private education;</p> <p>Y to make recommendations on implementation of and respect for this body of law through the adoption of legislative provisions, regulations and other measures that ensure the application of this body of law.</p>

Yemen	<p>National Committee for International Humanitarian Law Affairs</p> <p>c/o Yemen Red Crescent Society P.O. Box 1257 Sana'a</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 408/1999 of 11 December 1999</p> <p><u>Operation:</u> Internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs, Justice, Education, Information, Defence, Interior, and Yemen Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Health</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Yemen Red Crescent Society</p>	<p>Y To review national legislation and make proposals for its amendment so as to keep pace with new features and developments of international humanitarian law;</p> <p>Y to define mechanisms, measures and procedures capable of guaranteeing application of this body of law and effective implementing of its provisions;</p> <p>Y to adopt plans and programmes for the dissemination of this body of law at all levels of society and for monitoring its application;</p> <p>Y to supervise implementation of the provisions of the law regulating use of the red cross and red crescent emblems and prohibiting their misuse;</p> <p>Y to decide on the organization of seminars and other events relating to humanitarian law at the national level, and take part in appropriate regional and international events;</p> <p>Y to take part in the examination of draft humanitarian law treaties and make proposals and recommendations pertaining to them;</p> <p>Y to promote cooperation and the exchange of expertise with regional and international organizations working in the area of humanitarian law, and lend support to government authorities preparing studies and reports requested by these organizations.</p>
Zimbabwe	<p>Interministerial Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o Brigadier General Charles N Tarumbwa Military Lawyer Ministry of Defence Private Bag 7712 Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe Tel: +2634 700274 Fax: +2634 706 661/252039</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1993</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Cabinet decision</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Justice, Culture, Education, Health and Children, Youth, Equality and Employment, President's Office, Ombudsman, Public Prosecutor's Office, and judiciary</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Ministry of Defence</p>	<p>Y Coordinating Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law activities of Government Ministries and advising Government on all issues related to human rights and humanitarian law.</p> <p>Y Promoting and protecting Human Rights and Rights arising out of International Humanitarian Law, through the use of international human rights and humanitarian law instruments, respectively.</p> <p>Y Identifying those human rights and humanitarian law instruments that have not been ratified and in appropriate cases to recommending to Government, the ratification of such instruments.</p> <p>Y Ensuring compliance with Government's reporting obligations under the various instruments to which Zimbabwe is a party.</p> <p>Y Promoting the awareness of human rights and humanitarian law in the country by conducting workshops, seminars and disseminating information through the media.</p>