



ICRC

**The Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities
under International Humanitarian Law**

Agenda

**Fifth Informal Expert Meeting, Geneva, 5 / 6 February 2008
International Committee of the Red Cross**

Tuesday, 5 February 2008

Welcome

9.00 – 10.30

Opening Session

- Welcome
- Introduction and discussion

10.30 – 10.50

Coffee Break

Modalities of the Suspension of Civilian Protection

10.50 – 12.30

Working Session I

- Restraints on the Use of Force in Direct Attack

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.45

Working Session II

- Continuation from Working Session I

15.45 – 16.15

Coffee Break

16.15 – 18.00

Working Session III

- The "Revolving Door" of Protection
- Varia Sections VII to X

18.30

Cocktails

19.30

Dinner

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Personal Scope: The Concept of "Civilian"

08.30 – 10.00

Working Session IV

- Functional Membership Approach

10.00 – 10.20

Coffee Break

10.20 – 11.50

Working Session V

- Varia Sections I to III

11.50 – 13.00

Lunch

Substantive Scope: "Direct Participation in Hostilities"

13.00 – 14.30

Working Session VI

- Inter-Civilian Violence: Voluntary Human Shields; Hostage Taking; the Phrase of "*under Effective Control*".
- Varia Sections IV to VI

14.30 – 14.50

Coffee Break

Way Forward and Conclusion

14.50 – 16.00

Working Session VII

- Way Forward
- Materials to be published / form of publication
- References, acknowledgements and attributions

16.00 – 17.00

Conclusion

17.00

Farewell Drinks
