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# **NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

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As of 31 August 2014 (total by region)

EUROPE	CENTRAL ASIA	ASIA & PACIFIC	THE AMERICAS	AFRICA	MIDDLE EAST
Austria	Kazakhstan	Australia	Argentina	Algeria	Bahrain
Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Bangladesh	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Benin	Egypt
Belgium	Tajikistan	China	Brazil	Botswana	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Croatia	Turkmenistan	Cook Islands	Canada	Burkina Faso	Iraq
Czech Republic (the)		Indonesia	Chile	Cabo Verde	Jordan
Denmark		Japan	Colombia	Comoros (the)	Kuwait
Finland		Korea (Republic of)	Costa Rica	Côte d'Ivoire	Lebanon
France		Malaysia	Dominican Republic (the)	Gambia	Qatar
Georgia		Mongolia	El Salvador	Guinea- Bissau	Saudi Arabia
Germany		Nepal	Ecuador	Kenya	Syrian Arab Republic (the)
Greece		New Zealand	Guatemala	Lesotho	United Arab Emirates (the)
Hungary		Philippines( the)	Honduras	Liberia	Yemen
Iceland		Samoa	Samoa	Libya	
Ireland		Sri Lanka	Nicaragua	Madagascar	
Italy			Panama	Malawi	
Lithuania			Paraguay	Mauritius	
Macedonia (the former Yugoslav Republic of)			Peru	Morocco	
Moldova (Republic of)			Trinidad & Tobago	Namibia	
Norway			Uruguay	Nigeria	
Poland (2 committees)				Seychelles	
Romania				Sierra Leone	
Serbia				South Africa	
Slovakia				Sudan	
Slovenia				Swaziland	
Spain				Togo	
Sweden (2 committees)				Tunisia	
Switzerland				Uganda	
Ukraine				Zambia	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland				Zimbabwe	
<b>TOTAL: 29</b>	<b>TOTAL: 4</b>	<b>TOTAL: 14</b>	<b>TOTAL: 19</b>	<b>TOTAL: 29</b>	<b>TOTAL: 12</b>
<b>TOTAL: 107</b>					

**TABLE OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)  
as of 31 August 2014**

Country	Name and address of committee	Year established / Legal basis / Operation	Composition <sup>1</sup>	Mandate
Algeria	<i>Commission nationale de droit international humanitaire</i>  c/o Ministry of Justice 11 December 1960 Street El Biar Algeria  Tel.: +21 321 920 611 Fax: +21 321 920 625	<u>Established</u> : 2008  <u>Legal basis</u> : Presidential Decree No. 08-163 of 4 June 2008	<u>Representatives</u> : Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Justice, Interior, Finance, Energy and Mines, Water Resources, Industry, Religious Affairs and <i>Awkaf</i> , Environment and Tourism, National Education, Health, Culture, Information, Higher Education, Training and Professional Education, Labour and Social Insurance, National Solidarity, Youth and Sports, General Directorate for National Security, General Command of National Gendarmerie, Algerian Red Crescent, Islamic Algerian Scouts, and the Consultative Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.  Certain experts and organizations may also be invited to take part in the work of the Commission  <u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u> : Minister of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To disseminate and promote IHL</li> <li>• To evaluate domestic law with respect to IHL and to prepare recommendations to national authorities in this regard</li> </ul>
Argentina	<i>Comisión de Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CADIH)</i>  c/o Ministerio de Defensa 250, Azopardo Piso 13° 1328 Buenos Aires Argentina  Tel.: +54 11 43 46 88 77	<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, Justice, Interior, Culture, Education, Health and Environment  <u>Chairmanship</u> : Rotated among the participating ministries  <u>Secretariat</u> : Ministry of Defence  NB: In 2012, a <i>Sub-Committee on the Identification and Registration of Cultural Property</i> was created.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure implementation of IHL by drawing up laws and regulations, and by developing policies to ensure respect for international commitments in this area</li> <li>• To teach and disseminate IHL among the military and civilians</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Most of the members of National IHL Committees are representatives of States' ministries, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice etc. To avoid repetition, the word "Ministry" is left out and the respective ministries referred to as "Foreign Affairs," "Justice," etc.

Australia	<p><i>Australian Red Cross National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o National IHL Manager Red Cross House Cnr Hindmarsh Drive &amp; Palmer 2605 St Garran ACT Australia</p> <p>Tel.: +61 3 93 45 18 32</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1977</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Administrative understanding</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Australian Red Cross, scholars and experts</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Australian Red Cross (Mr Geoff Skillen)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Australian Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote knowledge of IHL, the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, and the correct use of the emblem in Australia</li> <li>• 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 in the development of government policy on IHL</li> <li>• To generate support for a more vigorous approach to IHL by government through contacts with parliamentarians, political parties, NGOs and the wider community</li> <li>• To promote education and debate on current IHL issues</li> <li>• To encourage international respect for IHL and increased participation in IHL instruments, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>• To contribute to the development of IHL principles by the ICRC and other interested parties</li> <li>• To assist in reviewing Australian Red Cross policies and materials with regard to IHL</li> </ul>
Austria	<p><i>Interministerial Working Group on the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Völkerrechtsbüro Abt. 1/7 2, Ballhausplatz 1014 Vienna Austria</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1988</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Ad hoc mandates</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Chancellery, scholars and Austrian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate ratification of IHL instruments</li> <li>• To prepare for and follow up International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent</li> </ul>
Bahrain	<p><i>National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs Diplomatic Area PO Box 450 Manama Bahrain</p> <p>Tel.: +973 1 751 30 00 Fax: +973 1 753 63 43</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2014</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Royal Decree No. 39 of 15 May 2014</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Defence, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Education, Health, Information, National Institution for Human Rights, Bahrain University and Bahrain Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To implement IHL</li> <li>• To develop the kingdom's IHL policies, strategies and plans</li> <li>• To exchange information and expertise with national, regional and international IHL committees</li> <li>• To enhance cooperation with the ICRC</li> <li>• To conduct research and studies in IHL and issue publications relating to the principles of IHL and how to apply them</li> <li>• To study recommendations and reports relating to IHL and conduct the relevant follow-up</li> <li>• To review all domestic laws to ensure they comply with IHL</li> </ul>

Bangladesh	<p><i>National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director-General United Nations and Human Rights Shegun Bagicha 1000 Dhaka Bangladesh</p> <p>Tel.: +880 2 956 21 13</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2014</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister, signed on 14 June 2014</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Defence, Home Affairs, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Law and Justice Division and Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division), Cultural Affairs, Education, Health and Family Welfare, Women and Children Affairs, armed forces</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Director-General, United Nations and Human Rights wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess the sufficiency and implementation of IHL treaties that Bangladesh is party to</li> <li>• To make recommendations in order to draft or enact laws or administrative orders</li> <li>• To promote incorporation of IHL in academic circles and civil society, and to advice on and encourage the organization of seminars, training sessions, research, etc.</li> <li>• To recommend action in connection with Bangladeshis imprisoned abroad and foreigners detained in the country</li> </ul>
Belarus	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice 10, Kollektornaya St. 220004 Minsk Belarus</p> <p>Tel.: +37517200 85 45 Fax: +37517220 12 25</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>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education, Interior, CIS Affairs, Health, Culture, Deputy Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, State Security Committee, scholars and Belarus Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Minister of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote ratification of and adherence to IHL treaties, to amend national legislation to comply with these treaties, and to contribute to the dissemination of IHL</li> <li>• To draw up advisory opinions on Belarus's position on issues connected to IHL, draft treaties, and national legislation on implementation</li> <li>• To examine proposals from and coordinate the activities of bodies concerned with the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To monitor the application of IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To cooperate and exchange information with the ICRC and other international organizations involved in the implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
Belgium	<p><i>Commission interministérielle de droit humanitaire (CIDH)</i></p> <p>c/o SPF Ministère des Affaires Étrangères 15, Rue des Petits Carmes 1000 Bruxelles Belgique</p> <p>Tel.: +32 2 501 82 20 Fax: +32 2 501 38 23</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cidhchr@diplobel.fgov.be">cidhchr@diplobel.fgov.be</a> Web: <a href="http://cidh.diplomatie.be/">http://cidh.diplomatie.be/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1987</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Council of Ministers Order of 20 February 1987; Council of Ministers Order of 23 December 1994; 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>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Development Cooperation, Prime Minister, governments of the communities and regions, and Belgian Red Cross</p> <p>Certain experts may also be invited to take part in the work of the Commission</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Decided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify and submit to the ministries concerned measures that need to be taken at the national level to implement IHL</li> <li>• To follow up and coordinate these measures</li> <li>• To assist the federal government through studies, reports, opinions, or proposals related to the development and application of IHL</li> </ul>

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 Benin</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1998</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 98-155 of 27 April 1998</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Defence, Justice, Interior, Security, Health, Family, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Finance, Education and Scientific Research, Bar Association, and Benin Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Benin Red Cross</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of the Interior</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure effective implementation of and respect for IHL</li> <li>• To encourage the promotion and defence of IHL its rules and provisions</li> <li>• To disseminate, teach and popularize IHL</li> <li>• To perform other duties as instructed by the government, including giving opinions on any questions referred to it</li> </ul>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	<p><i>Comisión Nacional Permanente para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CNPADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Plaza Murillo Ingavi esq. c. Junín La Paz Bolivia</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1992</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 23.345 of 2 December 1992</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: 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>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Sustainable Development and Planning, Supreme Court, National Congress, scholars and Bolivian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor the dissemination and implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To examine internal regulations and any amendments required for the incorporation of provisions of IHL in national legislation, and to propose their approval by the executive and legislative authorities</li> </ul>
Botswana	<p><i>Inter-Ministerial Committee on Treaties, Conventions and Protocols</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Multilateral Affairs Department Private 00365 Gaborone Botswana</p> <p>Tel.: +267 360 07 00 +267 800 60 09-83</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2002</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Defence, Justice and Security Director), Finance, Culture, Office of the Ombudsman, Local Government, Environmental Affairs, Labour and Home Affairs</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Director of the Multilateral Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To open and broaden dialogue on any legal instruments that the government may consider for ratification and to discuss all the substantive issues before a draft cabinet memorandum is presented to the cabinet</li> <li>• To look at the socio-economic and political implications of the instrument under consideration</li> <li>• To assess the financial implications of ratifying that instrument</li> <li>• To assess the reporting obligations that may arise from ratifying the instrument and identify the ministries and departments that would have to report on specific aspects of the instrument</li> <li>• To analyse the legal implications of ratifying the instrument (for instance, whether it would require drafting new laws or reviewing the constitution)</li> <li>• To be able to respond to the international community (for instance, the United Nations Human Rights Commission)</li> <li>• To assess the benefits that Botswana would derive from being party to the instrument under consideration</li> </ul>

Brazil	<p><i>Comissão Nacional para Difusão e Implementação do Direito Internacional Humanitário no Brasil</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio das Relações Exteriores Palácio do Itamaraty Anexo I Sala 215-A Brasília Brazil</p> <p>Tel.: +55 61 411 60 48 Fax: +55 61 322 93 32</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, Defence, Justice, 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>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To propose to the relevant authorities measures needed to implement and disseminate IHL at the national level, particularly the Geneva Conventions, and their Additional Protocols, and other IHL treaties to which Brazil is party</li> </ul>
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 Burkina Faso</p> <p>Tel.: +226 50316420</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>: Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation, Defence, Security, Social Affairs and National Solidarity, Promotion of Women, Basic Education and the Elimination of Illiteracy, Land Administration and Decentralization, Secondary and Higher Education and Scientific Research, Labour, Employment and Youth, Health, Environment, Finance and Budget; and Burkinabé Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Secretary-General, 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the coordination of actions undertaken by the various ministries for the promotion and the protection of human rights</li> <li>• To examine government policies and strategies in connection with human rights</li> <li>• To provide technical support for the preparation of reports that Burkina Faso has to submit – particularly to the United Nations, the ICRC, and the African Commission on Human Rights and Peoples – in conformity with its conventional obligations in the areas of human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To look into disputes regarding human rights and IHL involving the State and submitted by the government</li> <li>• To contribute to the introduction of human rights and IHL education in formal and non-formal education</li> <li>• To spread information on human rights and IHL within all State bodies entrusted with respecting humanitarian rules, particularly the armed forces</li> </ul>

Canada	<p><i>Canadian National Committee for Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Canadian Red Cross Society 170, Metcalfe St. Suite 300 Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2P2 Canada</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.cnchl-cncdh.ca/">http://www.cnchl-cncdh.ca/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1998</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Memorandum of understanding of 18 March 1998</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: In accordance with 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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recommend ratification of IHL instruments</li> <li>• 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 IHL, protection of the emblems, guarantees for protected persons)</li> <li>• To advise on disseminating and providing training in IHL in Canada (aimed at the armed forces, police, civil servants, humanitarian organizations, legal and medical professions, schools and universities, journalists and the general public)</li> <li>• To encourage the government and pertinent organizations to undertake activities to strengthen and disseminate IHL, and to coordinate these activities</li> <li>• To recommend the adoption of measures to promote national implementation in other States, drawing on the resources and expertise available in Canada</li> <li>• To maintain a pool of personnel with expertise in IHL and ensure links with other national committees and the ICRC</li> </ul>
Cabo Verde	<p><i>Comité Nacional para os Direitos Humanos (CNDH)</i></p> <p>C/o Ministry of Justice Comissão Nacional para os Direitos Humanos e a Cidadania Chã de Areia Praia Santiago Cabo Verde</p> <p>Tel.: +238 262 45 06 Fax: +238 262 45 07</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cndhc@cndhc.gov.cv">cndhc@cndhc.gov.cv</a> Web: <a href="http://cndhc.org/">http://cndhc.org/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree law No. 19/2001 of 24 September 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Health, Education, Culture, Social Communication, Youth, National Assembly, Bar Association, Institutes for Youth and Women's Affairs, trade unions, national association of municipalities, NGOs and Cape Verde Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To protect human rights and promote and spread knowledge of human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To develop a national plan of action for human rights and, once approved by the Council of Ministers, ensure its implementation</li> <li>• To periodically draw up and present reports on the implementation of international human rights and IHL instruments</li> </ul>



Chile	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Derecho Humanitario (CNDH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Dirección Jurídica 180, Teatinos Piso 16 Santiago de Chile Chile</p> <p>Tel.: +56 2 679 42 37/238 Fax: +56 2 699 55 17</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1994</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 1229 of 31 August 1994</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations of 1 June 1995</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Interior, Education, Health and Culture</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review, and propose to the authorities, legislative and administrative measures ensuring implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
China	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Red Cross Society of China 8, Beixingiao Santiao Dongcheng District 100007 Beijing China</p> <p>Tel.: +86 106 402 84 11 Fax: +86 106 402 99 28</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Government of 24 November 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education, Administration of Cultural Heritage, People's Liberation Army and the Chinese Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Chinese Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote IHL and its implementation, and to spread knowledge of this body of law</li> <li>• To promote international cooperation in connection with the dissemination and implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To conduct research in specific areas of IHL</li> </ul>

Colombia	<p><i>Grupo Técnico de DIH y Conflicto Armado</i></p> <p>c/o Programa Presidencial de DH/DIH Comisión Intersectorial Permanente para los Derechos Humanos y el Derecho Internacional Humanitario Calle 7 No. 6-54 Casa Republicana Bogota, D. C. Colombia</p> <p>Tel.: +57 1 595 18 50 Fax: +57 1 565 97 97</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2011</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree 4100 of 2 November 2011 which created a national system for human rights and international humanitarian law</p> <p>The national system is composed of six sub-systems, one of them covering the area of IHL and armed conflict. This area is coordinated by a <i>technical group on IHL and armed conflict, which reports to the Intersectoral Commission on Human Rights and IHL.</i></p>	<p><i>Grupo Técnico de DIH y Conflicto Armado</i></p> <p><u>Representatives:</u> Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defence, Labour, Health, Culture and the Special Administrative Unit for Assistance and Comprehensive Reparation for Victims</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Head, Directorate of Human Rights, Ministry of Defence; Head, Directorate of Human Rights, Ministry of the Interior</p> <p><u>Technical Secretariat:</u> Director, Presidential Programme for Human Rights and IHL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the incorporation of international human rights standards and IHL in domestic law</li> <li>• To promote compliance with international obligations with regard to human rights and IHL and monitor commitments in this connection</li> <li>• To coordinate with the national system for caring for and compensating victims</li> <li>• To guide the designing and implementation of strategies to promote and publicize human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To define guidelines for establishing and operating an information system, in order to track and assess the situation with regard to human rights and IHL and the impact of the overall policy in these areas</li> <li>• To strengthen institutional capacity to a) improve social conditions, b) enable Colombians to exercise their rights and c) promote and increase respect for IHL</li> <li>• To structure a comprehensive human rights and IHL policy, with a view to promoting and guaranteeing civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, and the application of IHL</li> <li>• To coordinate activities in connection with ensuring respect for and implementing IHL</li> <li>• To contribute to designing and implementing a coordination mechanism for the entire country, which would entail defining various sets of powers and responsibilities and drafting measures to strengthen capacity and institutional management</li> <li>• To design, implement, monitor and evaluate public policy on IHL and armed conflict</li> <li>• To assist the Intersectoral Commission on Human Rights and IHL in developing and implementing various plans, programmes, projects, and initiatives related to IHL and armed conflict</li> <li>• To develop activities related to IHL and armed conflict for incorporation in sectoral policies</li> <li>• To put into practice the Intersectoral Commission's guidelines for monitoring the implementation of Colombia's international commitments and obligations</li> </ul>
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Comoros (the)	<p><i>Commission interministérielle du droit international humanitaire (CIDIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la justice Délégation Générale des Droits de l'Homme B.P. 181 Moroni Comoros</p> <p>Tel.: +269 347 68 99</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:dgdh@ministerejustice.gouv.km">dgdh@ministerejustice.gouv.km</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 03 - 104/PR of 17 November 2003; Decree No. 10-119/PR of 1 September 2010</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Education, Culture and Research, Defence, National Coordinator for IHL at the Comoros Red Crescent, armed forces, Secretary-General of the Grand Mufti, Delegate-General for Human Rights at the Ministry of Justice, Director-General for Judicial Affairs at the Ministry of Justice, Assistant-Director at the Department for the Protection of the Rights of Children at the Ministry of Justice and the Foreign Affairs Committee at the National Assembly</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Government representative for human rights and humanitarian affairs, Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To liaise between the government and other parties concerned on the issue of ensuring respect for IHL</li> <li>• To promote ratification and implementation of IHL instruments, and to assist the government in implementing the treaties and conventions that it has ratified</li> <li>• To foster the development of IHL, help make it better known, and promote attendance at relevant international forums</li> </ul>
Cook Islands	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Government of the Cook Islands PO Box 105 Rarotonga Cook Islands</p> <p>Tel.: +682 29 347 Fax: +682 21 247</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2011</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet decision CM 11(072) 1 March 2011</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Emergency Management, Health, Police, and the Cook Islands Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify IHL conventions relevant to Cook Islands</li> <li>• To identify IHL deficiencies in existing Cook Islands law</li> <li>• To increase knowledge of and respect for IHL</li> </ul>

Costa Rica	<p><i>Comisión Costarricense de Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto Avenida 7-9 Calle 11-13 Apartado 10027-1000 San José Costa Rica</p> <p>Tel.: +506 25 39 53 00</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:comisioncostarricensedi@comail.com">comisioncostarricensedi@comail.com</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.rree.go.cr/?sec=politica%20exterior&amp;cat=comision%20derecho%20humanitario">http://www.rree.go.cr/?sec=politica%20exterior&amp;cat=comision%20derecho%20humanitario</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Executive Decree No. 32077-RE of 21 May 2004 – entry into force on the same day (published in the official gazette, <i>La Gaceta: Diario Oficial</i> No. 216, 4 November 2004)</p>	<p><u>Membership</u>: Foreign Affairs and Worship, Public Security, Justice and Pardon, Public Education, Culture, Juveniles and Sports, the General Prosecutor's Office, the legislature, the presidency, 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</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make recommendations and proposals, to the government, with regard to adopting national measures for implementing IHL and elaborating related domestic laws and regulations</li> <li>• To develop measures and provide support for, as well as promote, the dissemination of IHL in State institutions and in the wider society</li> <li>• To participate in meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the government</li> <li>• To promote the incorporation of IHL in academic curricula, and provide support for the pertinent authorities</li> <li>• To design measures for implementing and ensuring respect for IHL</li> </ul>
Côte d'Ivoire	<p><i>Commission interministérielle nationale pour la mise en œuvre du droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la Justice et des Libertés publiques P.O. Box V 107 Abidjan Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Tel.: +225 20322432</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1996</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 96-853 of 25 October 1996</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Economy, Higher Education, Bar Association and Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice and Public Freedom</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure respect for and effective implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To review and draw up laws and regulations for the application of IHL in areas where national legislation needs to be supplemented or amended, and submit them to the government</li> <li>• To ensure that IHL is applied in Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>• To encourage the promotion, dissemination and teaching of IHL</li> </ul>

Croatia	<p><i>Croatian National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration 7-8, Trg. N. S. Zrinskog 10 000 Zagreb Croatia</p> <p>Tel.: +385 1 45 69 964 Fax: +385 1 45 51 795 +385 1 49 20 149</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ministarstvo@mvep.hr">ministarstvo@mvep.hr</a></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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Culture, Administration, Health, Education, Government Human Rights Office, scholars and the Croatian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Executive President, Croatian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate the activities of State bodies involved in protecting and promoting IHL, including the Croatian parliament and the Office of the Ombudsman, as well as the activities of non-governmental organizations</li> <li>• To evaluate the implementation of IHL in Croatia and make recommendations, in particular for the creation of ad hoc working groups to deal with the issue of implementation</li> </ul>
Czech Republic (the)	<p><i>National Committee for the implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tuscany Palace 5, Hradcanske namesti 118 00 Prague 1 Czech Republic</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2011</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Agreement of 10 October 2011 between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and the Czech Red Cross</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations attached to the agreement</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence and the Czech Red Cross</p> <p>Membership is open to central State authorities (such as Justice, Interior, Health, Education and Culture), by accession in writing to the agreement of October 2011 as well as to academic institutions, by approval of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Defence and the Czech Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor and evaluate current issues related to the development of IHL</li> <li>• To monitor and evaluate the implementation of IHL in the Czech Republic, including the practice of judicial and administrative authorities and the practice of activities of armed forces</li> <li>• If necessary, to set up ad hoc working groups to deal with specific issues related to IHL</li> <li>• To submit recommendations to stakeholders and proposals concerning, in particular, the legislative and other measures to ensure fulfilment of commitments of the Czech Republic deriving from IHL, including recommendations for further negotiation of international agreements in the area of IHL</li> <li>• To evaluate its work and to adopt an action plan for the next period at regular intervals, usually two years</li> <li>• To promote the dissemination of IHL within the state administration, armed forces and security forces of the Czech Republic, members of Integrated Rescue System, schools and universities</li> <li>• To participate in the preparation of scientific projects in the area of IHL</li> <li>• To cooperate with the National Committees for the implementation of IHL of other states and with international organizations, particularly with International Committee of the Red Cross</li> <li>• To cooperate with Czech and foreign experts in issues of IHL</li> <li>• To publish information on their activities in cooperation with the Czech Red Cross through its websites</li> </ul>

Denmark	<p><i>Governmental Red Cross Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2, Asiatisk Plads DK-1448 Copenhagen Denmark</p> <p>Tel.: +45 33 92 00 00 Fax: +45 32 54 05 33</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:um@um.dk">um@um.dk</a></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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Education, Health, Civil Defence, armed forces, Judge Advocate General and the Danish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure the application of IHL by reviewing administrative measures for meeting the obligations arising from IHL treaties, particularly in the areas of disseminating and teaching IHL</li> <li>• To coordinate the implementation of these measures</li> <li>• To serve the government in an advisory capacity</li> </ul>
Dominican Republic (the)	<p><i>Comisión Nacional Permanente para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Secretaría de Estado de Relaciones Exteriores 752, Avenida Independencia Santo Domingo</p> <p>República Dominicana</p> <p>Tel.: +1 809 535 62 80 Fax: +1 809 535 68 48</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:correspondencia@serex.gov.do">correspondencia@serex.gov.do</a></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 and secretariat</u>: Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recommend measures for improving domestic implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To promote draft laws and regulations for the application of IHL treaties</li> <li>• To disseminate IHL among State authorities</li> <li>• To promote the inclusion of IHL in formal curricula</li> </ul>

Ecuador	<p><i>Comisión Nacional para la aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Movilidad Humana Comercio e Integración Carrión E1-76 y Av. 10 de Agosto Quito Ecuador</p> <p>Tel.: +593 2 299 32 00 Fax: +593 2 299 32 00</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>Operation</u>: Ministerial Agreement No. 0000074 of 9 March 2007 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Security and the Police, Social Affairs, Congressional Commission for Legislation and Codification, Congressional Commission on Human Rights, Supreme Court of Justice, and the Ecuadorean Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ecuadorean Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote accession to IHL instruments</li> <li>• To prepare draft laws, regulations and instructions for implementing IHL</li> <li>• To promote the dissemination of IHL and its inclusion at all levels of the educational system and in pertinent training programmes</li> <li>• To monitor the application of IHL in the field and to make recommendations in this regard</li> <li>• To develop, promote and coordinate a national plan of action for ensuring the dissemination and application of IHL</li> <li>• To analyse recommendations made by international organizations and to propose measures for their implementation at the national level</li> <li>• To promote cooperation between the government and international organizations in connection with strengthening respect for IHL</li> </ul>
Egypt	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Lazoughli Square Cairo Egypt</p> <p>Tel.: +202 792 2269 Fax: +202 795 6059</p>	<p><u>Re-established</u>: 2012</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No.1124 of 2012 by the Minister of Justice, issued on 22 December 2012</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Higher Education, General Intelligence Service, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, the ICRC and experts</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Minister of Justice (or his deputy)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote implementation of IHL, coordinate activities of the agencies concerned, and make proposals to decision-makers</li> <li>• To propose an annual national plan for disseminating IHL</li> <li>• To promote training of public officials responsible for implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To contribute to training these officials, by developing training programmes</li> <li>• To exchange information and experiences with other bodies concerned with IHL</li> </ul>
El Salvador	<p><i>Comité Interinstitucional de Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CIDIH-ES)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Dirección de Desarrollo Social Integral Calle El Pedregal y Boulevard Ciudad Merliot Antiguo Cuscatlán El Salvador</p> <p>Tel.: +503 2 231 13 11 Fax: +503 2 231 13 48</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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Public Security, Education, Health, Treasury, Public Prosecutor's Office, Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights and the Salvadorian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on measures for implementing, applying and disseminating IHL at the national level</li> </ul>

Finland	<p><i>Finnish National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs P.O. Box 176 Laivastokatu 22 00161 Helsinki Finland</p> <p>Tel.: +358 9 1605 55 55</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1993</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 8 December 1993</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Education, Social Affairs and Health, armed forces, Finnish Society of Humanitarian Law, the Finnish section of Amnesty International, and the Finnish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate the dissemination and implementation of IHL instruments, such as the four Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols,</li> <li>• To prepare for the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and other international conferences related to IHL</li> <li>• To monitor new developments in IHL and assess their implications for Finland</li> </ul>
France	<p><i>Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme (CNCDH)</i></p> <p>c/o Bureau du Premier ministre 35, rue Saint-Dominique 75007 Paris France</p> <p>Tel.: +33 1 42 75 77 13 +33 1 42 75 77 09 Fax: +33 1 42 75 77 14</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.cncdh.fr/">http://www.cncdh.fr/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1947</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Law No. 2007-292 of 5 March 2007 on the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights</p> <p>Decree no. 2007-1137 of 26 July 2007 on the composition and functioning of the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Duties related to humanitarian law and humanitarian action are carried out by sub-committee "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>: A lawyer</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Prime Minister's Office</p>	<p>Subcommittee "E" has the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To handle any problem concerning emergency humanitarian situations</li> <li>• To exchange information on the mechanisms required to deal with such situations</li> <li>• To prepare recommendations on the form humanitarian aid should take in a specific crisis</li> <li>• To monitor the application of IHL and make proposals in this regard</li> </ul>
Gambia	<p><i>Interministerial Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Department of State for Justice Mumar Kaddafi Avenue Banjul Gambia</p> <p>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, 12 August 1999</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Interior, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Health, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Department of State for Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote ratification of IHL treaties and development of new measures for the domestic implementation of IHL</li> </ul>



Georgia	<p><i>National Inter-Agency Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice of Georgia</p> <p>Department of Public International Law</p> <p>24 Gorgasali St. 0114 Tbilisi Georgia</p> <p>Tel.: +995 32 2 40 52 04</p>	<p><u>Re-established</u>: 2011</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Resolution of the Government of Georgia No. 408-1 of 28 October 2011, amended Resolutions No. 232 of 9 September 2013 and No. 339 of 6 May 2014</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Statute of the National Inter-Agency Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Finance, Justice, Internal Affairs, Legal Aid Service, Education and Science, Culture and Monument Protection, Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Environment Protection, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia, Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality, National Security Commission, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor and the Revenues' Service, State Security and Crisis Management Council, Parliamentary Secretary, ICRC (observer status) and the Red Cross Society of Georgia (observer status)</p> <p>The invited membership of the Commission shall be open to recognised academic experts in Public International Law, IHL and International Criminal Law. Parliament of Georgia shall be also requested to participate in the work of the Commission.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Minister of Justice (or his/her representative)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: established under Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare advisory opinions at the request of the Government of IHL issues.</li> <li>• To present proposals to the president of Georgia on the acceding to IHL treaties.</li> <li>• To prepare proposals in order to ensure compliance with international IHL obligations undertaken by Georgia and present the proposals to the government in order to make amendments to the legislation</li> <li>• To promote implementation of IHL programmes and various educational activities in cooperation with the ICRC</li> <li>• To report on national achievements to the International Conference of the Red Cross, the UN Secretary-General and the meetings of National Committees for IHL</li> </ul>
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Germany	<p><i>German Red Cross Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o German Red Cross Headquarters 58, Carstennstr. 12205 Berlin Germany</p> <p>Tel.: +49 30 854 04 - 0 Fax: +49 30 854 04 - 450</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:drk@drk.de">drk@drk.de</a> Web: <a href="http://www.drk.de/ueber-uns/auftrag/humanitaeres-voelkerrecht/kurse-gremien/fachausschuss-englisch.html">http://www.drk.de/ueber-uns/auftrag/humanitaeres-voelkerrecht/kurse-gremien/fachausschuss-englisch.html</a></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, Justice, Interior, scholars, and the German Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: University professor</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: German Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be a forum for consultation and coordination between the German Red Cross and the various departments of the federal government</li> <li>• To focus on developing, disseminating and implementing IHL</li> </ul>
Greece	<p><i>Committee for the Implementation and Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Special Legal Department</p> <p>11 Vas. Sofias Ave. 1st floor 106-71 Athens Greece</p> <p>Tel.: +30 210 368 37 57 +30 210 368 36 33</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, Justice, Internal Affairs, Public Administration and Decentralization, Public Order, Education and Religious Affairs, Health and Social Solidarity, Culture, General Secretariat of the New Generation, Directorate of Political and Emergency Planning, scholars and the Hellenic Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: University law professor</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help the Ministry of Foreign Affairs carry out its duties more efficiently by advising it on the implementation of IHL by the administration and public agencies</li> <li>• To put forward initiatives and proposals to encourage civil society to take action in all matters related to IHL</li> <li>• To make recommendations and proposals concerning legislation to meet the country's obligations under IHL treaties; to propose the ratification of such treaties; to advise the government on promoting IHL at national and international levels; and to recommend ways of disseminating IHL to the media, NGOs, social partners, agencies, schools, etc.</li> <li>• To promote programmes for disseminating IHL as widely as possible</li> <li>• To liaise with academic circles and agencies dealing with IHL-related matters, with similar authorities and agencies in other countries, and with the ICRC and other international organizations</li> </ul>

Guatemala	<p><i>Comisión Guatemalteca para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (COGUADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores 4-17, 2ª Avenida Reforma Zona 10 Ciudad Guatemala Guatemala</p> <p>Tel.: +502 2410 0000 ext.1401 Fax: +502 2 410 0198</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.minex.gob.gt/coquadih/base_legal.htm">http://www.minex.gob.gt/coquadih/base_legal.htm</a></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, Defence, Interior, Education, Health, Presidential Commission for Human Rights, Secretariat for Peace, judiciary, Congress, Public Prosecutor's Office, Human Rights Procurator, Bar Association and the Guatemalan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recommend – to the government – measures to ensure implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To submit draft legislation and regulations to the president of Guatemala for consideration – in connection with ensuring implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To spread knowledge of IHL within State institutions and among the general public</li> <li>• To inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the committee's willingness to represent Guatemala at international fora dealing with IHL</li> <li>• To design activities to promote respect for IHL</li> </ul>
Guinea-Bissau	<p><i>Comissão Nacional para os Direitos Humanos</i></p> <p>c/o Av. do Brasil Junto da Meteorologia Bissau Guinea-Bissau</p> <p>E-mail : <a href="mailto:cndhgb@gmail.com">cndhgb@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2009</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 6/ 2009</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Government, Parliament, Justice, Institute of Social Communication, civil society, UN and international organizations and the Guinea-Bissau Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Working group on IHL set up on 18 December 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote and strengthen respect for human rights and IHL</li> </ul>

Honduras	<p><i>Comisión Interinstitucional Hondureña de Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores y Cooperación Internacional Departamento de Política Multilateral Centro Cívico Gubernamental Boulevard Kuwait Antigua Casa Presidencial Junto a la Corte Suprema de Justicia Tegucigalpa, M.D.C Honduras</p> <p>Tel.: +504 22 36 02 00 +504 22 36 03 00</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 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, 20 April 2007)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior and Justice, Public Security, Education, Health, the presidential administration, Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History, Bar Association, Council for Higher Education and the Honduran Red Cross</p> <p>Representatives of the legislature and the judiciary, of civil society, and of international organizations may also be invited when considered appropriate.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Multilateral Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the dissemination of IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To assess the compatibility of domestic legislation with the obligations resulting from the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, and other instruments of IHL to which Honduras is party, and to promote the adaptation of domestic law in accordance with those treaties</li> <li>• To promote the application and dissemination of IHL through the adoption of normative, legislative, judicial and administrative measures, in particular, to prevent grave violations of IHL and protect the red cross, red crescent and red crystal emblems, as well as other protective signs and signals</li> <li>• To promote the teaching of IHL in institutions of higher learning and, particularly, the inclusion of IHL in training programmes for legal advisers in the armed forces and other civil servants</li> <li>• To ensure that national heritage sites protected under IHL are marked</li> </ul>
Hungary	<p><i>National Committee for the Dissemination and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs International and European Law Department Nagy Imre tér 4 1027 Budapest Hungary</p> <p>Tel.: +36 1 458 1142 Fax: +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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on IHL issues</li> <li>• To promote the dissemination of IHL within the country, particularly in institutions of higher or secondary education, and in the armed and security forces, and to make recommendations in this regard</li> <li>• To help government authorities in deliberations connected with negotiating and acceding to IHL treaties and to contribute to the elaboration of new treaties</li> <li>• To consult and cooperate with the ICRC</li> <li>• To exchange ideas with similar committees in member States of the European Union, especially neighbouring countries</li> </ul>

Iceland	<p><i>Icelandic National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>Icelandic Red Cross 9, Efstaleiti 103 Reykjavik Iceland</p> <p>Tel.: +354 570 4016 +354 570 40 00 Mobile phone: +354 893 9090 Fax: +354 570 4010</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:atli@redcross.is">atli@redcross.is</a> Web: <a href="http://www.redcross.is/">http://www.redcross.is/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Established by decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 24 October 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Education, Health, Social Affairs and the Icelandic Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Icelandic Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on interpreting IHL and on implementing it domestically</li> <li>• To be a forum for discussing and spreading knowledge of IHL</li> </ul>
Indonesia	<p><i>Permanent ttee on the Implementation and Research of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice and Human Rights Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs Directorate of International Law 6-7, Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav Kuningan 12940 Jakarta Indonesia</p> <p>Tel.: +62 520 23 87 +62 520 23 90</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1980</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree of Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Indonesia Number M.01.PR.09.01-1980</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Decree of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia Number AHU-62.PR.01.02.TAHUN 2008 regarding the Establishment of the Permanent Committee on the Implementation and Research on International Humanitarian Law of the Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs (yearly updated by the Decree of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Law and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, Health, Culture and Tourism, Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, armed forces, scholars, and the Indonesian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Directorate of International Law within the Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs in the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To formulate government policies on IHL</li> <li>• To conduct research into the national implementation of IHL, draft national laws and regulations, and develop training programmes in IHL</li> <li>• To contribute to the dissemination of IHL</li> </ul>

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<p><i>Iranian National Committee on Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran Peace Building Vali Asr Ave. 1517813511 Tehran Iran</p> <p>Tel.: +98 21 88 66 26 19 +98 21 88 66 26 19 Fax: +98 21 88 20 10 52</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:snchl@rcs.ir">snchl@rcs.ir</a> Web: <a href="http://www.rcs.ir">www.rcs.ir</a></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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, and Armed Forces</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop and present for approval suitable measures for implementing IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To monitor compliance with IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To teach and promote the principles of IHL among the armed forces and the general public and in educational institutions</li> <li>• To represent the government on issues related to IHL at national and international fora</li> <li>• To coordinate the exchange of information with regional and international organizations</li> <li>• To deal with IHL-related issues in connection with refugees, prisoners of war and other victims of war</li> </ul>
Iraq	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers Assistant Director-General and Head of International Agreements Division Karadat Maryam Baghdad Iraq</p> <p>Tel.: +964 78 09 03 93 81</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2014</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Government Order No. 38 of 2014</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Human Rights, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Higher Commission for Human Rights, General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers, Iraqi Red Crescent Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Assistant Director-General and Head of International Agreements Division, General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To design plans and programmes for promoting and implementing IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To serve as the main source of reference for IHL</li> </ul>
Ireland	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Iveagh House 80, St Stephen's Green Dublin 2 Ireland</p> <p>Tel.: +353 1 478 08 22</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2008</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Government Decision of 29 April 2008</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Education and Science, Attorney-General's Office, Defence Forces, Irish Aid and the Irish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Legal Division)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist the government in implementing and promoting IHL</li> <li>• To help to increase knowledge of IHL in Ireland</li> <li>• To prepare for International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent</li> </ul>

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 00135 Roma Italia</p> <p>Tel.: +39 6 36 91 24 60 Fax: +39 6 32 30 315</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, Defence, Justice, judiciary, scholars and the Italian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review measures for bringing domestic legislation in line with IHL</li> <li>• To review the amendments to domestic law that are necessary for suppressing war crimes and other violations of IHL</li> </ul>
Japan	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Japanese Red Cross Society 1-3 Shiba Daimon 1-Chome Minato-Ku Tokyo 105-8521 Japan</p> <p>Tel.: +81 3 34 37-70 87 Fax: +81 3 34 35-85 09</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:kokusai@jrc.or.jp">kokusai@jrc.or.jp</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Meeting held in April 1999 by representatives assuming public functions</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education, Health and Labour, scholars, and the Japanese Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Japanese Red Cross Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To study: means of spreading knowledge of IHL and of implementing and teaching it: technical aspects of IHL; ways to exchange information; and other matters considered necessary by the Committee</li> </ul>

Jordan	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Jordan National Commission P.O. Box 922086 11192 Amman Jordan</p> <p>Tel.: +962 65529142 Fax: +962 65529745</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Law No. 63 of 20 August 2002</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Regulations issued by the committee</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Justice, 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, and the Jordanian Red Crescent (represented by its president)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Appointed by the King</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Jordanian Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Jordanian Red Crescent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To devise and implement the policies, strategies, plans and programmes for raising awareness of the principles of IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To promote, together with the ICRC and other parties concerned, efforts to disseminate the principles of IHL</li> <li>• To exchange information and experiences with national, Arab, regional and international organizations and commissions concerned with IHL and strengthen ties with them</li> <li>• To carry out research and studies for the parties concerned, present proposals to them and give them advice</li> <li>• To issue publications on IHL and ways to implement it</li> <li>• To adopt, together with the parties concerned, recommendations and reports related to IHL and its development</li> <li>• To help improve legislation related to IHL</li> </ul>
Kazakhstan	<p><i>Interdepartmental Commission on International Law and the International Human Rights Treaties</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Adminitrativniy Centr 31 Kunayeva St. Adminitrativniy Centr 010000 Astana Kazakhstan</p> <p>Tel.: +7 7172 72 05 13 +7 7172 72 05 18 +7 7172 72 05 17 Fax: +7 7172 72 05 16</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Government Resolution No. 1251 of 9 December 2003</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations approved by Government Resolution No. 1251 of 9 December 2003</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Industry and Trade, Labour and Social Protection, Security, Health, Economy and Budgetary Planning, Interior, Environmental Protection, Culture and Information, Education and Science, General Prosecutor's Office and National Security Committee, Commission on Human Rights under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<i>by agreement</i>), National Centre on Human Rights (<i>by agreement</i>), National Commission on the Issues of Women and Family Demographic Policy (<i>by agreement</i>)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To submit recommendations and proposals to the government on meeting obligations under IHL and international human rights law, on implementing the treaties under those bodies of law and on bringing domestic legislation in line with the resulting obligations</li> <li>• To spread knowledge of IHL and promote broader international cooperation on ensuring respect for IHL and human rights law</li> </ul>



Kenya	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Solicitor-General State Law Office Attorney-General's Chamber Harambee Avenue P.O. Box 40112 00100 Nairobi Kenya</p> <p>Tel.: +254 2 22 76 05 +254 2 22 74 61 Fax: +254 2 21 43 43</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:oagpcomms@kenya.go.ke">oagpcomms@kenya.go.ke</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Memorandum of the Attorney-General, 5 October 2001</p> <p>The National Committee regulations were modified on 22 August 2008 (published in the <i>Kenyan Gazette</i>, Vol. CX-No. 69 2008, Government Notice No. 7608, 22 August 2008).</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Internal Security and Provincial Administration, Home Affairs, Medical Services, Information and Communications, Education, Commissioner of Police, Commissioner of Prisons, Regional Delegation of the ICRC, Kenyan Medical Association, University of Nairobi and the Kenya Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Solicitor-General, State Law Office, Department of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote respect for IHL by implementing and disseminating it</li> <li>• To coordinate and monitor implementation of IHL in Kenya</li> <li>• To advise the government on IHL instruments that need to be ratified</li> <li>• To review existing legislation and recommend amendments where necessary</li> <li>• To recommend new legislation where applicable</li> <li>• To advise on administrative measures required</li> <li>• To coordinate, monitor and evaluate dissemination</li> <li>• To undertake or commission research on IHL and make appropriate recommendations to the government</li> </ul>
Korea (Republic of)	<p><i>Korean National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of Treaties Division International Legal Affairs Bureau 60 Sajik-ro 8-gil Jongno-gu 110-787 Seoul South Korea</p> <p>Tel.: +82 2 720 92 13 Fax: +82 2 725 07 67</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2002</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Presidential decree No. 15602</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Decision No. 42 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 17 October 2002</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Justice, Education and Human Resources, Cultural Properties Administration, scholars and the Korean Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor and coordinate the dissemination and implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To advise on matters related to the ratification of IHL treaties</li> <li>• To review domestic legislation and propose measures to implement the rules of IHL</li> <li>• To promote IHL in educational institutions and the armed forces, and amongst the general public</li> <li>• To cooperate and exchange information with the national committees of other countries, and with the ICRC and other international organizations</li> </ul>
Kuwait	<p><i>National Commission for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Department of International Cooperation P.O. Box 6 Safat 13001 Kuwait City Kuwait</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of Justice, 9 October 2006</p>	<p><u>Membership</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, and Information, Faculty of Law of Kuwait University and the Kuwait Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Assistant Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To look into and assist in bringing domestic legislation in line with obligations under the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols as well as other IHL instruments</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of State bodies involved in the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To provide recommendations, proposals and advice for implementing IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To draw up a plan for organizing training and dissemination programmes in IHL</li> </ul>

Kyrgyzstan	<p><i>Interdepartmental Committee on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice 32 Makhamad Gandhi St. 720040 Bishkek Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>Tel.: +996 312 65 65 01 (Secretary) Fax: +996 312 66 30 40/44</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://minjust.gov.kg/?page_id=205">http://minjust.gov.kg/?page_id=205</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2003</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Government Resolution No. 361 of 18 June 2003. The changes in the composition of the committee were introduced by Order No.194 of the Ministry of Justice, 21 October 2008.</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Regulations attached 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 and Information, Social Fund, State National Security Committee, Border Service, the ICRC and the Kyrgyz Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: State Secretary</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist in bringing domestic legislation in line with IHL treaties;</li> <li>• To assess the degree to which domestic legislation is in compliance with IHL norms</li> <li>• To suggest ways of improving the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To draw up briefs and position papers on draft international treaties and national laws pertaining to of IHL</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of State bodies involved in the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To promote the dissemination of IHL and gather information on developments in IHL</li> <li>• To monitor the implementation of its own decisions</li> <li>• To facilitate interaction and exchange of information with the ICRC and other international organizations active in the area of IHL</li> </ul>
Lebanon	<p><i>Lebanese National International Humanitarian Law Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Office of the Prime Minister Riad El-Solh Square Beirut Lebanon</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2010</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Presidential Decree No. 4382 of 21 June 2010</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Justice, Foreign Affairs and Immigrants, Interior and Municipalities, Finance, National Defence, Higher Education and Culture, the Parliamentary Commission for Human Rights, Bar Associations in Beirut and Tripoli, the Lebanese Order of Physicians in Beirut and Tripoli, the Lebanese Red Cross, and others</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Deputy Prime Minister</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Attached to the General Secretariat of the Prime Minister's Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To follow up an implementation plan to incorporate IHL in national legislation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- drafting the necessary provisions and measures to adapt national legislation</li> <li>- drawing up an annual plan of action for the appropriate dissemination of IHL</li> <li>- coordinating between all the stakeholders involved in dissemination and implementation of IHL</li> <li>- exchanging information and expertise to strengthen relations on the national, regional and international levels</li> <li>- monitoring and documenting IHL violations at the domestic level</li> <li>- providing proposals and recommendations in connection with the national plan</li> <li>- reporting annually to the Prime Minister</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Lesotho	<p><i>Lesotho National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Defence and National Security Principal Secretary Chair of the National Committee on IHL</p> <p>Private Bag A 116 Maseru 100 Lesotho</p> <p>Tel.: +266 22 316 570 Fax: +266 22 310 518</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> This is an ad hoc committee. A memorandum of understanding for the entities concerned was signed in March 2001. Negotiations are under way to give the committee a formal legal status. Cabinet approval has been requested for legislation to be tabled before Parliament.</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Justice, Law and Constitutional Affairs, Home Affairs, Health and Social Welfare, Education and Training, Tourism, National University of Lesotho and the Lesotho Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Defence and National Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on matters related to ratification of or accession to IHL treaties</li> <li>• To set up educational and training programmes as a means of spreading knowledge of IHL</li> <li>• To prepare studies on IHL-related issues</li> <li>• To identify, develop, and adopt measures for the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To monitor the implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
Liberia	<p><i>Liberia International Humanitarian Law Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Law Reform Commission North Gibson St/Old CID Rd Mamba Point Monrovia Liberia</p> <p>Tel.: +231 880 369 812 +231 888 301 661 +231 880 562 212 +231 770 389 857</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@liblrc.org">info@liblrc.org</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2013</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Administrative arrangement concluded in August 2012 between the Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Information, Education, Finance, National Police, Law Reform Commission, Governance Commission, Independent National Commission on Human Rights, Liberia National Commission on Small Arms, Foundation for Democracy in Liberia, Consortium of Civil Society Organizations of Liberia, Liberia Red Cross Society and ICRC (observer)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Rotated between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice and Law Reform Commission</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Law Reform Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the ratification of and adherence to IHL treaties, and the amendment of national legislation to comply with these treaties, and to contribute to the dissemination of IHL</li> <li>• To draw up advisory opinions on the Republic's position on problems of IHL, draft treaties, and national implementation legislation</li> <li>• To examine proposals and coordinate activities of bodies concerned with the implementation of IHL law</li> <li>• To monitor the application of rules of IHL at the national level;</li> <li>• To cooperate and exchange information with the ICRC and other international organizations involved in implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
Libya	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Tripoli Libya</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2005</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 253 of the General Popular Committee, 18 December 2005</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Secretariat of the General People's Committee for Justice, Defence, External Communication and International Cooperation, Public Security, Health Care, Higher Education, Culture, National Centre for Educational Planning, charitable foundations, Bar Association, IHL experts, and the Libyan Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Secretary of the General People's Committee for Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop strategies, plans and programmes for implementing IHL</li> <li>• To study IHL conventions and prepare draft legislation to implement these conventions</li> <li>• To design and implement training programmes on IHL</li> <li>• To organize national, regional and international seminars and events on IHL and its domestic implementation</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of national bodies concerned with implementing IHL</li> <li>• To monitor violations of IHL and propose remedial measures</li> <li>• To enact measures to promote and disseminate IHL</li> </ul>

Lithuania	<p><i>Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of National Defence 25/3, Totori• St. LT-01121 Vilnius Lithuania</p> <p>Tel.: +370 5 273 56 35 +370 5 273 56 73 Fax: +370 5 212 69 67 +370 5 264 85 17</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:asmenuaptarnavimas@kam.lt">asmenuaptarnavimas@kam.lt</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Amendment to the regulations of the Ministry of National Defence, 22 May 2001; and ordinance of the Ministry of National Defence, 30 August 2001.</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Justice, Interior, Culture, Health, European Law, Justice, armed forces, and the Lithuanian Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of National Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To act as an advisory body of the Ministry of National Defence</li> <li>• To coordinate the domestic implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To draw up IHL-related training programmes</li> <li>• To make proposals for enactment or amendment of domestic legislation</li> </ul>
Macedonia (the former Yugoslav Republic of)	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Macedonian Red Cross 13, Blvd Kocho Racin 1000 Skopje Macedonia</p> <p>Tel.: +389 23 114 355 Fax: +389 23 230 542</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:volonter@redcross.org.mk">volonter@redcross.org.mk</a> <a href="mailto:mrc@redcross.org.mk">mrc@redcross.org.mk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.ckrm.org.mk">http://www.ckrm.org.mk</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Secretary-General of the Government, 7 June 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education and Science, Culture, Health, General Secretariat of the Government and the Macedonian Red Cross (other ministries and scholars represented on an ad hoc basis)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice (as of July 2011)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Macedonian Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate existing national law in connection with Macedonia's obligations under IHL treaties</li> <li>• To make recommendations for further implementation of IHL and to promote activities for disseminating IHL</li> </ul>

Madagascar	<p><i>Commission Nationale Du Droit International Humanitaire (CONADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la Justice Chef de service des relations internationales 101 Tananarive Madagascar</p> <p>Tel.: +261 20 22 233 65</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Governmental Decree No. 2006-435 on the establishment of an <i>Inter-ministerial Committee for the Red Cross</i>, 27 June 2006</p> <p>Operation: Internal Regulations No. 5255/2008 of the National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, 29 February 2008</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior and Administrative Reform, National Defence, Health and Family Planning, State Secretariat for Public Security, civil society, and the Malagasy Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate and follow up steps for the domestic implementation of IHL treaties</li> <li>• To evaluate existing domestic law and other domestic measures of implementation and advise the government on implementing and developing IHL</li> <li>• To ensure the dissemination of IHL within the country</li> <li>• To report to the government and to the prime minister on the activities of the committee</li> </ul>
Malawi	<p><i>Malawi National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Defence Private Bag 339 Lilongwe 3 Malawi</p> <p>Tel.: +265 1 788 920</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: August 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Memorandum of understanding among the ministries concerned, March 2000</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, judiciary, Human Rights Commission and the Malawi Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on legislation to implement IHL, which includes the adoption of measures to punish war criminals and to ensure respect for the emblem and protection for civilians during armed conflict</li> <li>• To help spread knowledge of IHL</li> <li>• To oversee the implementation of IHL in Malawi</li> </ul>
Malaysia	<p><i>Malaysian National IHL Committee (Jawatankuasa Undang-undang Kemanusiaan Antarabangsa Malaysia) JUKAM</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Human Rights and Social Affairs Division No. 1, Jalan Wisma Putra Precinct 2 62602 Putrajaya Malaysia</p> <p>Tel.: +60 3 8887 4619 +60 3 8887 4657 +60 3 8887 4369 +60 3 8887 4583</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: December 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet decision of December 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Home Affairs, Attorney-General's Chambers, Information, Women and Family Development, Unity, Culture, Arts and Heritage, police and armed forces</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Human Rights and Social Affairs Division within the Multilateral Affairs Department</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To oversee implementation of IHL and educate the public on their rights and obligations in times of war</li> <li>• To take the steps necessary to ensure that Malaysian legislation is in conformity with Malaysia's obligations under IHL, especially the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Malaysian Geneva Conventions Act of 1962</li> <li>• To assess the abilities of various government agencies to implement IHL during armed conflict</li> </ul>

Mauritius	<p><i>National Humanitarian Law Committee of Mauritius</i></p> <p>c/o Prime Minister's Office Senior Chief Executive Level 4, Government Centre Port-Louis Mauritius</p> <p>Tel.: +230 201 1366 Fax: +230 211 9272</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet decision of 10 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 the Mauritius Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Prime Minister's Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise and assist the government in implementing and spreading knowledge of IHL</li> <li>• To advise on any new legislation or changes to existing legislation</li> <li>• To ensure effective implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
Mexico	<p><i>Comisión Intersecretarial de Derecho Internacional Humanitario CIDIH-México</i></p> <p>c/o Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores Plaza Juárez 20, Piso 6 Col. Centro, Del. Cuauhtémoc C.P. 06010 México City, D.F. México</p> <p>Tel.: +52 36 86 5100</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2009</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Presidential Decree of 12 August 2009 (published in the official gazette, 25 August 2009)</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal Regulations (published in the official gazette, 4 August 2011)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior and Navy</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Rotated among the representatives</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To serve as a consultative body to the government on IHL-related matters</li> <li>• To disseminate and promote IHL</li> <li>• To evaluate domestic law and prepare recommendations for the pertinent authorities</li> </ul>
Moldova (Republic of)	<p><i>National Committee on Consultation and Coordination of Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration 80, Strada 31 August 1989 2012 Chisinau Moldova</p> <p>Tel.: +373 22 57 82 07 +373 22 57 82 06 +373 22 57 82 05 Fax: +373 22 23 23 02</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:secdep@mfa.md">secdep@mfa.md</a></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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Education, National Security, Health, Labour, Civil Defence, police and the Moldovan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review domestic legislation in the light of IHL treaties</li> <li>• To make recommendations to the government on the domestic implementation of IHL and monitor their application</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of governmental bodies concerned</li> <li>• To spread knowledge of IHL</li> </ul>

Morocco	<p><i>Commission Nationale du Droit International Humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o La Présidence du Gouvernement Elachour Essaid Rabat Morocco</p> <p>Tel.: +212 37 21 94 00 +212 53 77 68 652 Mobile phone: +212 66 11 62 144</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2008</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 2.07.231 of 9 July 2008 (published in the official gazette, <i>Al-Jarida Al-Rasmiya</i>, issue 5646, 10 July 2008)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Interior, Justice, Habous and Islamic Affairs, Education, Health, Communication, Public Works, Defence, Economy and Finance, Modernization of the Public Sector, Secretary-General of the Government, the Advisory Council on Human Rights (<i>Conseil Consultatif des Droits de l'Homme</i>), Royal Moroccan Gendarmerie, National Security Directorate, Moroccan Auxiliary Forces, Civil Prevention Directorate, scholars, NGOs and the Moroccan Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Mrs Farida Khamilichi, Chair of the National IHL Committee</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on all issues related to the implementation, promotion and dissemination of IHL at the national level</li> </ul>
Mongolia	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Mongolian Red Cross Peace Avenue 1<sup>st</sup> Khoroo Sukhbaatar district 13 Ulaanbaatar Mongolia</p> <p>Tel.: +976 11 32 94 33 Fax: +976 11 32 33 34</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:redcross@magicnet.mn">redcross@magicnet.mn</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2009</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decree No. 145 of 20 May 2009</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs and Trade Law, Defence, Education, Science and Technology, Finance, Health, Human Rights Commission, National Emergency Management Agency, National Institute of Law, National University Law School, and the Mongolian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Director of the Law and Treaty Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Mongolian Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide advice, take initiatives and submit draft documents to the parliament and government of Mongolia on IHL issues</li> <li>• To develop a national action plan for implementing IHL and submit it to the pertinent authorities for approval</li> <li>• To carry out research and provide recommendations for acceding to multilateral treaties on IHL</li> <li>• To carry out research and provide recommendations for bringing existing domestic legislation into line with IHL</li> <li>• To promote and disseminate IHL throughout the country</li> <li>• To carry out research and analyse domestic and international trends associated with IHL and its implementation</li> </ul>
Namibia	<p><i>Interministerial Technical Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Deputy Permanent Secretary Private Bag 13248 Windhoek Namibia</p> <p>Tel.: +264 61 280 5111</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1995</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Council of Ministers</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Home Affairs and Immigration, Land, Health, Gender, Office of the Prime Minister, Safety and Security, University of Namibia, Legal Assistance Centre, Ombudsman and the Namibia Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on issues related to human rights and IHL</li> </ul>

Nepal	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Law and Justice International Law and Treaty Division Singha Durbar Kathmandu Nepal</p> <p>Tel.: +977 1 42 11 987 Fax: +977 1 42 11 684</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Cabinet of the Government of Nepal, 26 February 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Law and Justice, Home Affairs, Health, Education, Culture, Women, Children and Social Welfare, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Minister for Law and Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Ministry of Law and Justice (The head of the International Law and Treaty Division is the Member Secretary)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop the legislation required to implement IHL treaties to which Nepal is party and to review existing law</li> <li>• To conduct promotional activities for the dissemination of IHL treaties at various levels, including all activities related to domestic implementation</li> <li>• To advise whether Nepal should accede to other IHL instruments and on the measures to be taken in this regard</li> </ul>
New Zealand	<p><i>New Zealand International Humanitarian Law Committee</i></p> <p>c/o New Zealand Red Cross 69 Molesworth St. P.O. Box 12-140 Thorndon 6038 Wellington New Zealand</p> <p>Tel.: +64 4 472 37 50 +64 4 471 82 50 Fax: +64 4 471 82 58</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:national@redcross.org.nz">national@redcross.org.nz</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1980</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Internal decision of the Executive</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education, armed forces, scholars, judiciary, police, medical experts and the New Zealand Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Independent expert</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> New Zealand Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise the government on ways in which it can meet its treaty obligations with regard to disseminating IHL</li> <li>• To encourage and coordinate dissemination programmes, in particular through the government and the New Zealand Red Cross, but also through such channels as universities, the medical profession, churches and the general public</li> <li>• To report periodically to the government on the content, adequacy and relevance of dissemination programmes</li> </ul>



Nicaragua	<p><i>Comisión Nacional para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CONADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Dirección General de Asuntos Jurídicos Soberanía y Territorio Del Antiguo Cine González 1 cuadra al Sur sobre Avenida Bolívar Managua Nicaragua</p> <p>Tel./Fax: +505 244 80 55 +505 244 80 92 +505 244 80 54 +505 244 80 65</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Presidential Decree No. 54-99 of 23 April 1999</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Justice, Education, Health, President's Office, commissions of the National Assembly, Supreme Court, scholars and the Nicaraguan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To advise and provide support to the government on all issues related to participation in IHL treaties, to incorporation of the provisions of these treaties in domestic law, and to the dissemination of these provisions</li> </ul>
Nigeria	<p><i>National International Humanitarian Law Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Federal Ministry of Justice Plot 71 B Shehu Shagari Way Maitama P.M.B 192 Garki Abuja Nigeria</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2010</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Inaugurated by the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice on 23 July 2010</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Finance, Tourism, Culture and National Orientation, Health, Education, Women's Affairs &amp; Social Development, Defence Headquarters, National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Refugees, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, scholars, and the secretary-general of the Nigerian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To serve as an important point of contact in relation to the adoption and domestic implementation of IHL treaties and to support the national authorities in these tasks</li> <li>To submit advisory opinions to national authorities</li> <li>To assist the government in implementing and disseminating IHL</li> <li>To evaluate existing domestic law and make recommendations for further implementation</li> </ul> <p>The work of the committee is part of the broader task of promoting respect for IHL and human rights. The committee also serves as a vehicle for building public confidence and trust in the legal process.</p>
Norway	<p><i>National Committee on Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs P.O. Box 8114 N-0032 Oslo Norway</p> <p>Tel.: +47 23 95 00 00 Fax: +47 23 95 00 99</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:post@mfa.no">post@mfa.no</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 1989</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Royal Decree of 15 September 1989</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, armed forces, Public Prosecutor's Office, and the Norwegian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To implement IHL and advise the authorities on its interpretation and applicability</li> <li>To serve as a forum for discussing IHL</li> </ul>

Panama	<p><i>Comisión Nacional Permanente para la Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CPDIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores San Felipe Calle 3 Palacio Bolívar Edificio 26 Ciudad de Panamá Panamá</p> <p>Tel.: +507 511 41 00 +507 511 42 00 Fax: +507 511 40 22</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1997</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Executive Decree No. 154 of 25 August 1997, amended by Executive Decree No. 165 of 19 August 1999</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Resolutions No. 001-98 and No. 001-00 (internal regulations)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Education, Labour, Police, Civil Defence, President's Office, Legislative Assembly, scholars, and the Panama Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare a list of domestic laws for implementing IHL</li> <li>• To make recommendations and propose draft laws to the executive branch of government for implementing IHL</li> <li>• To disseminate IHL in State institutions and amongst the general public</li> <li>• To cooperate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in organizing meetings with the ICRC</li> <li>• To promote the incorporation of IHL in school and university curricula and to cooperate in developing these curricula in this regard</li> <li>• To represent Panama in international conferences and meetings on IHL-related issues</li> </ul>
Paraguay	<p><i>Comisión Interministerial de Estudio y Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CEADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Defensa Nacional Dirección de Asuntos Jurídicos, Derechos Humanos, DIH y Género Avda. Mariscal López y Vicepresidente Sánchez Asunción Paraguay</p> <p>Tel.: +595 21 249 00 00 +595 21 214 933 +595 21 210 052</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:informatica@mdn.gov.py">informatica@mdn.gov.py</a></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, Justice, Interior, Employment and the Paraguayan Red Cross (observer)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consult with the public and private institutions concerned and make recommendations to the authorities on implementing, applying and disseminating IHL</li> <li>• To promote compliance with IHL and its incorporation in domestic law</li> </ul>

Peru	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Estudio y Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario (CONADIH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Justicia y Derechos Humanos Dirección General de Derechos Humanos Calle Carlos Tenaud cuadra No. 3 s/n Miraflores-Lima 18 Perú</p> <p>Tel.: +511 204 80 20 Fax: +511 204 80 32</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:conadih@minjus.gob.pe">conadih@minjus.gob.pe</a> Web: <a href="http://www.minjus.gob.pe/conadih/">http://www.minjus.gob.pe/conadih/</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Resolution (Resolución Suprema) No. 234-2001-JUS of 1 June 2001, amended by Resolution (Resolución Suprema) No. 062-2008-JUS of 23 April 2008; Supreme Decree No. 011-2012-JUS of 19 April 2012</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Ministerial Resolution No. 240-2001-JUS of 23 July 2001 (regulations regarding working procedures)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Education, Ombudsman and, as observers, the ICRC and the “National Coordination on Human Rights”, an NGO</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Vice-Minister for Human Rights and Access to Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Directorate for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To carry out studies and make recommendations on implementing IHL</li> <li>• To contribute to monitoring the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To help spread knowledge of IHL</li> </ul>
Philippines (the)	<p><i>Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) International Humanitarian Law National Committee</i></p> <p>c/o The Philippine Red Cross Bonifacio Drive Port Area P.O. Box 280 1018 Manila The Philippines</p> <p>Tel.: +63 2 527 00 00 +63 2 527 08 56 +63 2 527 08 66</p> <p>Fax: +63 2 527 08 57 +63 2 527 57 87</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:prc@redcross.org.ph">prc@redcross.org.ph</a></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, Justice, Interior, Education, 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, scholars, legal experts and the Philippine Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Philippine Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To act as an advisory body on IHL, especially with respect to the promotion of this body of law, the development of dissemination strategies, the emblem campaign, networking, and the provision of assistance to victims of war</li> </ul>

Poland	<p><i>Commission for International Humanitarian Law Affairs</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal and Treaty Department Al. J. ch. Szucha, 23 00-580 Warsaw Poland</p> <p>Tel.: +48 22 523 94 24 +48 22 523 90 00 Fax: +48 22 523 83 29</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Ordinance of the Prime Minister No. 51 of 20 May 2004 (published in the official gazette, <i>National Journal of Orders and Regulations</i> of 2004, No. 23, item 402 and of 2009, No. 73, item 918)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Internal Affairs and Administration, Finance, Culture and National Heritage, Science, Health, National Education, and the 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote norms of IHL and introduce them into the Polish legal system</li> <li>• To analyse international agreements on IHL and put forward proposals for legislation to implement them</li> <li>• To advise the prime minister on legislative and educational activities related to IHL</li> <li>• To analyse legislation being prepared, assess government programmes and review relevant documents</li> <li>• To prepare educational projects on IHL</li> <li>• To maintain ties with other committees in Poland and abroad concerned with IHL</li> <li>• To formulate Poland's position at international conferences on the basis of proposals made by the minister in charge</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Commission for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Polish Red Cross 14, ul. Mokotowska 00-561 Warsaw Poland</p> <p>Tel.: +48 22 326 13 82 Fax: +48 22 628 41 68</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@pck.org.pl">info@pck.org.pl</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2005</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Resolution 446/2005 of the executive board of the Polish Red Cross, 23 August 2005</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Health, Culture and Education, National Fire Service, scholars (University of Warsaw, Jagiellonian University, University of Wrocław, University of Silesia, National Defence Academy, etc.), and employees and volunteers of the Polish Red Cross. Experts and third parties interested in the dissemination of IHL may be invited to the commission's meetings.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship:</u> Dr Marcin Marcinko, professor at the Jagiellonian University and a representative of the Lesser Poland Regional Branch of the Polish Red Cross</p> <p>The Commission meets at least twice a year. Between meetings, its members remain in constant contact with the executive board of the Polish Red Cross and amongst themselves.</p> <p><u>Secretariat:</u> Polish Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To create, in close cooperation with the executive board of the Polish Red Cross, programmes for disseminating IHL (e.g. Exploring Humanitarian Law, an educational programme for middle school and high school teachers)</li> <li>• To participate (e.g. individual members of the commission may give lectures) in training activities</li> <li>• To establish prizes for bachelor's and master's theses, and doctoral dissertations, dealing with IHL issues and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement</li> <li>• To provide support for the international efforts of the executive board of the Polish Red Cross (developing and editing documents for the meetings with the ICRC, participating in international conferences and symposia etc.)</li> <li>• To issue publications on IHL-related matters</li> <li>• To cooperate with State institutions, components of the Movement – particularly the ICRC – UNHCR, the Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Amnesty International and other organizations</li> </ul>

Qatar	<p><i>National Commission for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Qatari Ministry of Justice P.O. Box 917 Doha Qatar</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2012</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Prime Minister's Decree No (27) of 2012 on the Establishment of the National Commission for International Humanitarian Law (issued by the Emir's office on 8 May 2012)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Defence, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Labour, the Higher Council for Education, the Higher Council for Health, the Shura (Consultative) Council, University of Qatar, The Qatari Institution for Combating Trafficking in Persons, and the Qatari Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Presidency</u>: Deputy Minister of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To foster cooperation and exchange of information and expertise with regional and international commissions, federations, associations and organizations concerned with IHL</li> <li>• To propose the signature of, accession to, or ratification of pertinent international conventions and treaties</li> <li>• To propose agreements or protocols with similar commissions and bodies</li> <li>• To submit proposals for bringing domestic legislation into line with IHL</li> <li>• To provide advisory opinions on IHL-related matters to the authorities concerned</li> <li>• To submit proposals and studies necessary for implementing IHL domestically</li> <li>• To draw up, in coordination with competent authorities, an annual plan for disseminating IHL</li> <li>• To develop plans and training programmes, organize seminars and meetings, publish newsletters and periodicals to disseminate, implement and raise awareness of IHL</li> <li>• To collect data and statistics on State contributions related to IHL</li> <li>• To perform any other tasks assigned by the Council of Ministers</li> </ul>
Romania	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs 31, Aleea Alexandru Sector 1 011822 Bucharest Romania</p> <p>Tel.: +40 21 319 21 08 +40 21 319 21 25 Fax: +40 21 319 68 62</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mae@mae.ro">mae@mae.ro</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Government No. 420/2006, 29 March 2006 (published in the official gazette, 13 April 2006)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Home Affairs and Administration Reform, Public Health, Education, Research and Youth</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Rotated among the participating ministries</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the ratification of and accession to IHL treaties and the amendment of domestic legislation to comply with these treaties</li> <li>• To analyse domestic legislation and to advise the government on measures to implement and apply IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To contribute to the dissemination of IHL in educational institutions and the armed forces and amongst the general public</li> <li>• To teach and popularize IHL and to monitor its dissemination and implementation</li> </ul>

Samoa	<p><i>National International Humanitarian Law Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade  Fiame Mata'afa Faumuina Mulino II Building  Level 3  PO Box L1859  Apia  Samoa</p> <p>Tel.: +685 211 71  Fax: +685 215 04</p> <p>E-mail; <a href="mailto:mfat@mfat.gov.ws">mfat@mfat.gov.ws</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet decision of September 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: CEO, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Police and Prisons, Office of the Attorney-General, Samoa Society for Civil Liberties, and the Samoan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>:  Chief Executive Officer,  Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness of IHL</li> </ul>
Saudi Arabia	<p><i>National Commission on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>Saudi Red Crescent Authority International Humanitarian Law Committee  Riyadh Sahafa District  11129 Riyadh  Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Tel. :+966 11 280 55 55  Fax: +966 11 280 66 66</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 144 of the Council of Ministers, 14 May 2007 (27-04-1428 Hegira)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Defence and Aviation, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Higher Education, Culture and Information, Economy and Planning, Education, Human Rights Committee within the Consultative Council, and the Saudi Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Saudi Red Crescent Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness of IHL</li> </ul>

Serbia	<p>National Commission on International Humanitarian Law</p> <p>c/o International Legal Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kneza Miloša 24-26 11000 Belgrade Serbia</p> <p>Tel.: +381 11 361 63 33 +381 11 306 80 00 Fax: +381 11 361 83 66</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:car.ics@hotmail.com">car.ics@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:slavoljub.caric@mfa.rs">slavoljub.caric@mfa.rs</a> <a href="mailto:komisija.mhp@mfa.rs">komisija.mhp@mfa.rs</a></p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2010</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Government decision to set up the committee, adopted on 29 April 2010 (published in the official gazette, No. 30, 7 May 2010)</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Defence (Ms Bojana Nikolic); Justice (Mr Milisav Coguric); Interior (Mr Goran Markovic); Health (Ms Katarina Torbica); Labour and Social Affairs (Mr Vukota Vlahovic); Education (Ms Jelica Ristic-Cirovic); International Law Association (Ms Dina Dobrkovic) and the Serbian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> International Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To follow up developments in IHL and study issues related to the adoption of new treaties and other instruments of IHL</li> <li>• To propose measures for implementing treaties and other IHL instruments to relevant State bodies</li> <li>• When necessary, to provide relevant State bodies advisory opinions on fulfilling obligations contained in international treaties and other instruments of IHL</li> <li>• To consider and propose measures for disseminating IHL throughout the country</li> <li>• To propose measures for carrying out training in IHL in pertinent bodies and institutions</li> <li>• To consider issues related to cooperation with other national IHL committees, the ICRC and other national and international organizations dealing with IHL, and to exchange experiences in implementing IHL</li> </ul>
Seychelles	<p><i>National Humanitarian Affairs Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director-General for Protocol, Treaties and Consular Affairs PO Box 656 Maison Quéau de Quincy Mont Fleuri Mahé Seychelles</p> <p>Tel.: +248 428 36 03</p>	<p><u>Established:</u> 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis:</u> Decision of the Council of Ministers, 23 May 2001</p>	<p><u>Representatives:</u> Foreign Affairs, Public Prosecutor's Office, Health, Education, Defence, Social Affairs, Community Development and Sports, police, Ombudsman, National Assembly, Bar Association, National Human Rights Commission, Attorney-General's Office, judiciary, National Council for Children, Seychelles Media Commission, Gender Secretariat, University of Seychelles, National Youth Council, the Liaison Unit of Non-Governmental Organizations, Seychelles and the Seychelles Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review domestic legislation and propose measures for implementing IHL and human rights law</li> <li>• To monitor and coordinate the application of IHL and human rights law</li> <li>• To promote and disseminate IHL and human rights law throughout the country</li> <li>• To take part in drafting reports to United Nations treaty monitoring bodies</li> </ul>

Sierra Leone	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation O.A.U. Drive Tower Hill Freetown Sierra Leone</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:email@foreignaffairs.gov.sl">email@foreignaffairs.gov.sl</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2011 (official launch 2012)</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Approved by Cabinet Meeting 23 held on 12 October 2011. It was officially launched at the State Hall of the Sierra Leone Parliament by the Attorney-General and the Minister of Justice on 30 April 2012.</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education, Health and Sanitation, Small Arms Secretariat, Prison Service, Police Legal Department, Sierra Leone Institute of International Law, Civil Society Movement, Women's Forum, Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone, Office of National Security, Special Court for Sierra Leone, International Organization for Migration, and the Sierra Leone Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Rotated between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recommend and promote the accession to or ratification of IHL treaties and their implementation</li> <li>• To promote, develop and provide support for the dissemination of IHL in State institutions</li> <li>• To evaluate domestic implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To make recommendations for establishing ad hoc working groups in connection with adopting the necessary implementation measures</li> <li>• To promote cooperation between the government and international organizations for strengthening respect for IHL</li> <li>• To promote measures that will contribute to ensuring respect for and applying IHL</li> <li>• To serve as an advisory body to the government</li> <li>• To prepare draft regulations and instructions for implementing IHL</li> <li>• To develop, promote and coordinate a national plan of action for ensuring the promotion and application of IHL</li> <li>• To exchange information and experience with other bodies concerned with IHL</li> <li>• To draw up and present initial reports on the implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To carry out any other task related to the object of the committee</li> </ul>
Slovakia	<p><i>Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Slovak Red Cross Grösslingova 24 814 46 Bratislava 1 Slovakia</p> <p>Tel.: +421 2 57 10 23 01 +421 2 52 96 71 57 Fax: +421 2 52 92 32 79</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:sekretariat@redcross.sk">sekretariat@redcross.sk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.foreign.gov.sk/sk/zahranicna_politika/medzina_rodne_pravo-vybor_pre_medzinarodne_humanitarne_pravo">http://www.foreign.gov.sk/sk/zahranicna_politika/medzina_rodne_pravo-vybor_pre_medzinarodne_humanitarne_pravo</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2001</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 20 September 2001 (statutes of the Committee); entered into force on 1 January 2002</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Education, Culture, armed forces, Ombudsman and the Slovak Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Slovak Red Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess both the implementation of IHL in domestic law and its application by domestic courts and administrative authorities</li> <li>• To propose – to the pertinent authorities – measures to ensure effective implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To propose Slovakia's participation in other IHL treaties</li> <li>• To help spread knowledge of IHL in schools, the armed forces, and the police</li> <li>• To cooperate with the national committees of other countries and with international organizations</li> </ul>



Slovenia	<p><i>Interministerial Commission on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for International Law and Protection of Interests 25, Presernova cesta SI-1000 Ljubjana Slovenia</p> <p>Tel.: +389 1 478 20 00 Fax: +389 1 478 23 40 +389 1 478 23 41</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:gp.mzz@gov.si">gp.mzz@gov.si</a> Web: <a href="http://www.mzz.gov.si">www.mzz.gov.si</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2014</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 02401-7/2014/4, on 27 March 2014.</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence (including the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief), Interior, Culture, Education, Science and Sport, Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Economic Development and Technology, Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Health, Justice, Agriculture and Environment, the Slovenian Red Cross, The National Education Institute and the Faculty of Law of the Ljubjana University.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor, initiate, harmonize, and manage activities for the implementation of Slovenia's commitments in the field of IHL, in particular the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols</li> <li>• To disseminate IHL knowledge at the national level</li> <li>• To proposes to competent ministries the ratification and incorporation of relevant IHL into the national legislation</li> </ul>
South Africa	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Department of International Relations and Cooperation Chief Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs O R Tambo Building 460 Soutpansberg Road Rietondale 0084 Pretoria South Africa</p> <p>Tel.: +27 12 351 10 00 Fax: +27 12 329 10 00</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:MontwediP@dirco.gov.za">MontwediP@dirco.gov.za</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Executive Management Committee of the Department of Foreign Affairs, April 2006</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: International Relations and Cooperation, Justice, Defence, Home Affairs, Health, Arts and Culture, police, and co-opted members from outside the government (the South African Red Cross Society, the ICRC, etc.)</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Department of International Relations and Cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To act as a focal point and to provide leadership on all matters related to the domestic implementation and dissemination of IHL</li> </ul>

Spain	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Aplicación del Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación Plaza de la Provincia, 1 28012 Madrid España</p> <p>Tel.: +91 379 99 12/13 Fax: +91 364 06 45</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Royal Decree 1513/2007 of 16 November 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Defence, Justice, Interior, Economy, Education and Science, Labour and Social Affairs, Public Administration, Culture, Health, Environment, Office of the Attorney- General, IHL experts, members of the autonomous communities, and the Spanish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the ratification of IHL treaties</li> <li>• To strengthen respect for and application of IHL by advising government authorities on the drafting of new laws</li> <li>• To advise government authorities on the dissemination of IHL and on training programmes for the armed forces, security personnel and civil servants</li> <li>• To act as a consultant to the government in all matters pertaining to IHL and to evaluate progress in this area</li> <li>• To prepare Spain's positions and commitments at the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent</li> <li>• To act as a permanent link with the ICRC</li> <li>• To promote the application of IHL in other States</li> </ul>
Sri Lanka	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of External Affairs Republic Building Colombo 1 Sri Lanka</p> <p>Tel.: +94 11 232 53 71 +94 11 232 53 72 +94 11 232 53 73 +94 11 232 53 75 Fax: +94 11 244 60 91 +94 11 233 34 50 +94 11 243 02 20</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cypther@mea.gov.lk">cypther@mea.gov.lk</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2009</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Memorandum of the Cabinet of Ministers, March 2009</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: External Affairs, Defence, Justice, Culture, Health, Education, Attorney-General's Department, armed forces and police</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of External Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate existing domestic laws in light of Sri Lanka's obligations under the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols, and under other IHL instruments</li> <li>• To promote accession to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict</li> <li>• To play a key role in promoting and disseminating IHL by carrying out studies, proposing activities, training the armed forces, providing instruction through the public educational system and raising awareness of IHL amongst the general population</li> <li>• To make recommendations on and monitor the implementation of laws</li> <li>• To propose new legislation and amendments to existing laws</li> </ul>

Sudan	<p><i>National Commission for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice PO Box 302 Al Nil Avenue Khartoum Sudan</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>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Education, Higher Education, Humanitarian Affairs, International Cooperation, Information, Council of Ministers, Chairman of the Law Commission of the National Assembly, Sudanese Intelligence services, dignitaries and experts, and the Sudanese Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: The chairman, the rapporteur, the executive director and the finance director, and one other person appointed by the chairman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review domestic legislation to determine whether it is in line with IHL and to suggest possible improvements</li> <li>• To set up mechanisms and take measures to implement IHL</li> <li>• To approve programmes to spread knowledge of IHL and follow up implementation of legislative provisions in this area</li> <li>• To consider, approve and organize workshops and any other activities related to IHL in Sudan and to participate in conferences and other activities abroad</li> <li>• To study new developments in IHL and make recommendations to the relevant national authorities</li> <li>• To cooperate and exchange experiences with national, regional and international organizations and assist the relevant national authorities in the drafting of reports</li> <li>• To coordinate government efforts and to advise the State on IHL-related matters</li> </ul>
Swaziland	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Inter-Ministerial Building Block 8 Level -3 Mhlambanyatsi Road PO Box 518 Mbabane Swaziland</p> <p>Tel.: +268 2 404 26 61/2/3 Fax: +268 2 404 26 69</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:psforeignaffairs@realnet.co.sz">psforeignaffairs@realnet.co.sz</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet paper of 23 November 2004</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs and Trade, Defence, Home Affairs, Health and Social Welfare, Education, Private and Cabinet Office, Attorney-General's Office, Royal Swaziland Police, Correctional Services, University of Swaziland and the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take measures and to set up the mechanisms needed to implement IHL</li> </ul>

Sweden	<p><i>Swedish Total Defence Council for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Defence Jakobsgatan, 9 SE-103 33 Stockholm Sweden</p> <p>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, Health, civil defence, armed forces, Swedish National Defence College and the Swedish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor implementation of IHL at the national level</li> <li>• To spread knowledge of IHL in Sweden</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Advisory Group on Public International Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Gustav Adolfs Torg, 1 P.O. Box 161 21 SE-103 39 Stockholm Sweden</p> <p>Tel.: +46 8 405 10 00 Fax: +46 8 723 11 76</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1995</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, armed forces, Swedish National Defence College, civil defence, Save the Children Fund, legal experts, and the Swedish Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor progress in IHL-related matters and recommend to the government possible areas for development</li> </ul>

Switzerland	<p><i>Comité interdépartementale de droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Directorate for International Law Interdepartmental Committee for International Humanitarian Law c/o Section International Humanitarian Law Kochergasse 10 3003 Bern Switzerland</p> <p>Tel.: +41 31 325 07 68</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:dv-humvoelkerrecht@eda.admin.ch">dv-humvoelkerrecht@eda.admin.ch</a> Web: <a href="http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/topics/intla/humlaw/hvrk.html">http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/topics/intla/humlaw/hvrk.html</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2009</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decision of the Federal Council, 16 December 2009</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Finance, Civil Protection and Sport</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To exchange information and provide coordination on IHL-related matters at the national level</li> <li>• To ensure uniformity in implementing IHL and to raise awareness of the State's obligations under IHL</li> <li>• To evaluate existing domestic law</li> <li>• To submit recommendations to ensure progress in implementation, and to encourage dissemination, of IHL</li> </ul>
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	<p><i>National Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>The Cabinet Mezra'a, Shahbandar Street, Behind the Central Bank of Syria Damascus Syria</p> <p>Tel.: +963 11 245 02 50 Fax: +963 11 245 10 43</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2004</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Primer Minister's Decree No. 2989 of 2 June 2004</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Red Crescent Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Higher Education, civil defence and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry for Red Crescent Affairs and the Law of the Sea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate national action to disseminate IHL and to spread knowledge of the law</li> <li>• To adopt domestic legislation</li> <li>• To examine violations of IHL</li> <li>• To provide support for the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and the general directorate for civil defence and international cooperation</li> </ul>

Tajikistan	<p><i>Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i></p> <p>Prospekt Rudaki, 80 734001 Dushanbe Tajikistan</p> <p>Tel.: +992 3 72 24 76 46</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1999</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Governmental Decree No. 277 of 2 July 1999</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations of 3 August 1999</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Security, Interior, Health, Culture, Education, Labour, Environment, Emergency Situations, Deputy Prime Minister, Presidential Administration and Guard, Border-Protection Committee, scholars and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Deputy Prime Minister</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Directorate for Constitutional Guarantees of Citizens' Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote the domestic implementation of IHL and the ratification of IHL instruments</li> <li>• To analyse domestic legislation and make proposals for bringing it into line with IHL</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of institutions or agencies involved in implementing IHL</li> <li>• To help spread knowledge of IHL, especially by developing courses in IHL for all levels of education and for use in the armed forces</li> <li>• To cooperate with State bodies and with international organizations on matters related to the development of IHL</li> </ul>
Togo	<p><i>Commission interministérielle de mise en œuvre du droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o Ministère de la Justice P.O. Box 121 Lomé Togo</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1997</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Interministerial Order No. 97-031 of 11 June 1997; 'Arrêté' No. 034/MJRIR/CAB/SG of 06 December 2013 on the appointment of the Committee's members</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Women's Affairs, Social Action and National Solidarity, Human Rights, Democracy Consolidation and Civic Training, National Human Rights Commission, scholars, religious leaders, and the Togolese Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review, and propose to the government, laws and regulations for applying IHL</li> <li>• To contribute to promoting and teaching IHL and to making it more accessible to the public</li> <li>• To monitor respect for and implementation of IHL</li> </ul>
Trinidad and Tobago	<p><i>Inter-Ministerial Committee on International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs Levels 10-14 Tower C International Waterfront Complex 1A, Wrightson Road Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Tel.: +1868 623 68 94</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:minister@foreign.gov.tt">minister@foreign.gov.tt</a></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 and Communications, Defence, Security, Education, Health, Culture, Public Prosecutor's Office, and the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review and present to the government recommendations related to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols, and to the 1980 Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its five Protocols</li> </ul>

Tunisia	<p><i>Commission nationale de droit international humanitaire</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice 31, Boulevard Bab Benat 1006 La Kasbah Tunis Tunisia</p> <p>Tel.: +216 71 561 440</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mju@ministeres.tn">mju@ministeres.tn</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2006</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Decree No. 2006-1051 of 20 April 2006 (published in the official gazette, No. 33, 25 April 2006)</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Justice and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior and Development, Women, Family and Children, Education, Environment and Sustainable Development, Culture and Protection of Cultural Property, Health, Social Affairs, Communications, general commissioner for human rights, High Committee for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Tunisian Union of Solidarity, IHL experts, the Tunisian Red Crescent and three national experts on IHL</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Minister of Justice or his/her representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare recommendations for bringing domestic legislation into line with IHL</li> <li>• To draw up and carry out, in conjunction with the pertinent national bodies, an annual strategy for disseminating and implementing IHL in Tunisia</li> <li>• To provide, when called upon to do so, legal recommendations on the applicability of IHL and related matters</li> <li>• To contribute to promoting and teaching IHL and to making it more accessible to the public</li> </ul>
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<p>Turkmenistan</p>	<p><i>Interagency Commission on Securing the Implementation of International Obligations of Turkmenistan in the Sphere of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Commitments</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs 108 Archabil Hwy 744000 Ashgabat Turkmenistan</p> <p>Tel.: +993 12 44 56 92 Fax: +993 12 44 58 12</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@mfa.gov.tm">info@mfa.gov.tm</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 12 August 2011</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Resolution 117886</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: 1st Deputies of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice and of the General Prosecutor's Office; Deputy Ministers of Interior, TV and Radio Broadcasting, Education, Health and Medical Industries, Labour and Social Welfare, Economy and Development, Deputy Head of the Supreme Court; Head of the Committee on Human Rights of the Mejlis (Parliament); Director of the Institute of State and Law under the President of Turkmenistan; Deputy Chairmen of State Statistics Committee, of Gengeshi on religion issues; Chairmen of the Trade Union and Youth Union; Chairladies of the Women's Union of Turkmenistan and of the Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Director of the Turkmen National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Head of the Department of the Turkmen National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate the activities of State bodies in implementing international commitments in the areas of human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To develop national reports on the implementation of international obligations with regard to human rights for submission to the pertinent international commissions</li> <li>• To develop recommendations for adapting domestic legislation in accordance with international treaties on human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To monitor the process of bringing domestic legislation into line with IHL and international human rights standards</li> </ul> <p>In accordance with its tasks, the commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facilitates accession of Turkmenistan to international treaties on human rights law and IHL</li> <li>• assesses Turkmenistan's implementation of international treaties on human rights and IHL</li> <li>• drafts recommendations on implementing Turkmenistan's obligations with regard to human rights and IHL</li> <li>• provides support for disseminating information on human rights and IHL</li> <li>• cooperates with State organizations, public organizations and international organizations in the areas of human rights and IHL</li> <li>• ensures follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by the commission</li> <li>• carries out other activities in accordance with its mandate.</li> </ul> <p>In 2012, a high-level working group on IHL was set up within the commission. The group consisted of the following: First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister of Education, Deputy Minister of Justice, Deputy Minister of Defence, Director of the National Institute for Democracy and Human Rights under the President of Turkmenistan, and the chairlady of the Turkmenistan Red Crescent. A plan of action was adopted and each member of the working group given specific tasks and deadlines.</p>
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Uganda	<p><i>Ugandan International Humanitarian Law National Committee</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Justice Law and Order Sector Plot 1, Parliament Avenue Level 4, Queens Chambers P.O. Box 7183 Kampala Uganda</p> <p>Tel.: +256 414 253 207</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2010</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: 29 May 2009 resolutions on IHL</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Defence, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Internal Affairs, Gender, Labour and Social Development, Finance, Uganda People's Defence Force and the Ugandan Red Cross Society</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Office of the Prime Minister</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prioritize the status and duties of the committee</li> <li>• To work on pending IHL-related legislation in Uganda</li> </ul>
Ukraine	<p><i>Interdepartmental Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law in Ukraine</i></p> <p>Cabinet of Ministers 12/2 Grushevskogo St. 01008 Kyiv Ukraine</p> <p>Tel.: +380 44 256 65 05 +380 44 256 63 33 Fax: +380 44 293 20 93</p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2000</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Resolution No. 1157 of the Cabinet of Ministers, 21 July 2000</p> <p><u>Operation</u>: Internal regulations and composition approved on 21 July 2000</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Emergency Situations, Finance, Health, Economy, Education, Culture, Human Rights, Cabinet of Ministers, armed forces, and the Ukrainian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ukrainian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Cabinet of Ministers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To examine domestic Ukrainian law and formulate recommendations for bringing it into line with IHL and related international agreements to which Ukraine is party</li> <li>• To coordinate the activities of the ministries, other authorities and public organizations that are concerned with implementing IHL</li> <li>• To assist local and State authorities in promoting and disseminating IHL</li> </ul>
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Uruguay	<p><i>Comisión Nacional de Derecho Humanitario (CNDH)</i></p> <p>c/o Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Palacio Santos 18 de Julio 1205 Colonia 1206 11600 Montevideo Uruguay</p> <p>Tel.: +598 2 902 10 10,</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ministro@mrree.gub.uy">ministro@mrree.gub.uy</a></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, Defence, Justice, Interior, Health, Education and Culture, the Supreme Court, scholars and the Uruguayan Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship and secretariat</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make recommendations on disseminating IHL at all levels of public and private education</li> <li>• To contribute to implementing and ensuring respect for IHL by making recommendations on the adoption of legislative provisions, regulations and other measures</li> </ul>

Yemen	<p><i>National Committee for International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Yemen Red Crescent Society Head Office Building No. 10 Al Qa'a District Near Minister's Office 26 September St. P.O. Box 1257 Sana'a Yemen</p> <p>Tel.: +967 1 28 31 32 +967 1 28 31 33 Fax: +967 1 29 32 28</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:yracs_hq@yahoo.com">yracs_hq@yahoo.com</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, Defence, Justice, Legal Affairs, Education, Information, Interior, and the Yemeni Red Crescent</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmanship</u>: Ministry of Health</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Yemeni Red Crescent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review domestic legislation and propose amendments to keep pace with new developments in IHL</li> <li>• To design mechanisms, measures and procedures to ensure the application of IHL and effective implementation of its provisions</li> <li>• To elaborate plans and programmes for disseminating IHL at all levels of society and for monitoring its application</li> <li>• To supervise implementation of IHL provisions regulating use of the red cross and red crescent emblems and prohibiting their misuse</li> <li>• To organize, at the national level, seminars and other events related to IHL, and take part in pertinent regional and international events;</li> <li>• To take part in the examination of draft IHL treaties and make proposals and recommendations pertaining to them</li> <li>• To promote cooperation and the exchange of expertise with regional and international organizations working in the area of IHL, and lend support to government authorities preparing studies and reports requested by these organizations</li> </ul>
Zambia	<p><i>National Committee for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice Director, International Law and Agreements PO Box 50067 Lusaka Zambia</p> <p>Tel.: +260 211 251 330</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@judiciary.gov.zm">info@judiciary.gov.zm</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 2007</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Finance and National Planning, army, air force, School of Law at the University of Zambia, and the Zambian Red Cross</p> <p><u>Chairmanship</u>: Director of the Department of International Law and Agreements, Ministry of Justice</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u>: Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review domestic legislation in order to identify amendments needed for the full implementation of IHL</li> <li>• To encourage the dissemination of IHL in the armed forces and among the general public</li> <li>• To determine whether Zambia should participate in specific international treaties and conferences related to IHL</li> <li>• To take part in the examination of draft IHL treaties and make proposals and recommendations pertaining to them</li> <li>• To advise the government on ratification of or accession to new IHL treaties, and on all matters concerning IHL</li> </ul>

Zimbabwe	<p><i>Interministerial Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law</i></p> <p>c/o Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Director, Policy and Legal Research P. Bag 7751 Causeway Harare Zimbabwe</p> <p>Tel.: +263 4 77 45 60 +263 4 77 46 20 Fax: +263 4 77 29 99</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:justice@justice.gov.zw">justice@justice.gov.zw</a></p>	<p><u>Established</u>: 1993</p> <p><u>Legal basis</u>: Cabinet decision</p>	<p><u>Representatives</u>: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Interior, Culture, Education, Health and Children, Youth, Equality and Employment, President's Office, Ombudsman, Public Prosecutor's Office and the judiciary</p> <p><u>Chairmanship of the Committee and Secretariat</u>: Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs</p> <p><u>Chairmanship of the sub-committee on IHL</u>: Ministry of Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate the human rights and IHL activities of government ministries and to advise the government on all issues related to human rights and IHL</li> <li>• To protect human rights and the rights arising out of IHL by promoting the application of international human rights and IHL instruments</li> <li>• To identify those human rights and IHL instruments that have not been ratified and, when appropriate, to recommend that the government does so</li> <li>• To ensure compliance with reporting obligations under the various instruments to which Zimbabwe is party</li> <li>• To raise awareness of human rights and IHL in the country by conducting workshops and seminars and by disseminating information through the media</li> </ul>
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