

Costa Rica, Slovenia, Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross
are pleased to invite you to the

**High-Level Launch Event on the Progress Report
for the Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to IHL**

TIME 3:00 – 5:30, 16 OCTOBER 2025

PLACE : Room Tempus, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Opening Session • H.E. Alexandre Fasel, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Switzerland • H.E. Beatrice Ejodamen Jedy-Agba, OON, mni, Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria • Ms Mirjana Spoljaric, President, ICRC <i>moderated by Dr Marko Rakovec, Director-General, Directorate for International Law and Protection of Interests, Slovenia</i>	15:00– 15:30
Interactive Segment Co-chairs of the seven workstreams of the Global IHL Initiative will highlight progress and present emerging findings from the first round of consultations. • Part I: Limiting Harm in Contemporary Armed Conflicts ○ Civilian Infrastructure: Dr Marko Rakovec, Director-General, Directorate for International Law and Protection of Interests, Slovenia ○ Hospitals: H.E. Beatrice Ejodamen Jedy-Agba, OON, mni, Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria ○ Information and Communication Technologies (ICT): H.E. Sandra Lendenmann, Ambassador and Deputy Director, Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland ○ Naval Warfare: H.E. Achsanul Habib, Chargé d'affaires a.i and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva • Part II: Turning Legal Commitments into Meaningful Action ○ Prevention: H.E Emily Roper, Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva ○ National IHL Committees: Mr Paul Berman, Legal Director of the United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office • Part III: IHL and Sustainable Peace ○ H.E. Hend Abdulrahman Al-Muftah, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva • Statements from the floor <i>moderated by Dr Cordula Droege, Chief Legal Officer and Head of the Legal Division, ICRC</i>	15:30– 17:15
Closing Session	17:15– 17:30

Simultaneous interpretation available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.