



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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on

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the protection of victims of armed conflicts"**

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continued to implement pledges announced in 2011 at the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross a

The EU and its Member States provided the largest financial contribution to ICRC in 2013, including for providing IHL training and dissemination for military/security forces and armed non-state actors in key conflict affected countries, namely Iraq, Colombia and the DRC.

We will continue to do our utmost to promote an international order based on the rule of law where no state and no perpetrator is above the law and where no person is outside the protection of the law, in particular in situations of armed conflict.

I thank you.