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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/2 of 5 March 2014, has the honour to transmit the following information on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law inter

To complement its own dissemination activities, the Government of Finland financially supports the IHL dissemination activities of the Finnish Red Cross (FRC). The FRC engages in IHL dissemination in relation to a number of target groups, which include political decision makers, the armed forces, state civil servants, and the general public. The FRC carries out its dissemination through training, seminars, publications, a Finnish language IHL website, as well as general advocacy work. As to national committees, the Finnish National Committee on International Humanitarian Law continues to meet regularly to reflect on issues pertaining to the implementation of IHL in Finland. The Committee is chaired by the Director General for Legal Affairs of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, and brings together representatives from different branches of government, the Finnish Red Cross, NGOs and the academia.

The Finnish Defence Forces provide education and training in international humanitarian

law to conscripts, officers and personnel participating in crisis management operations. Additionally, officers and other personnel take part in courses organized by the Finnish Red Cross in Finland, and in courses organized by the International Institute of