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Mr. Chair,

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) recognizes the importance that the United Nations General Assembly and the Secretary-General place on the promotion of the rule of law, through the work of the Sixth Committee, and in particular, the attention given to the role of multilateral treaty-making processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law.

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The 32nd International Conference will take place in December 2015. On that occasion, a progress report on the implementation of the 4-year Action Plan for the Implementation of IHL, which falls under Resolution 2 of the previous International Conference, will be delivered. One of the objectives of the Action Plan is to improve the incorporation and repression of serious violations of IHL - which strengthens rule of law mechanisms.

Mr Chair,

The responsibility of States to respect and ensure respect for IHL includes preventing and punishing serious violations of the law, which requires States to develop clear