

# Action plan of the Interdepartmental Committee for IHL

The ICiHL and its members have set out the following priorities and objectives to be achieved before the next International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2023:

Topic 1: Special protection	
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Red cross emblem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Strengthen measures to report instances of imitation or improper use of the red cross emblem</li></ul> <b>Cultural property</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Define and prepare measures to implement the Strategy for the Protection of Endangered Cultural Heritage 2019–23, including with respect to protecting digital cultural property</li></ul>
Topic 2: Rules governing the means and methods of warfare	
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Specific rules governing certain weapons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Help to further clarify the application of IHL to new technologies, including in cyberspace and with regard to artificial intelligence</li></ul>
Topic 3: Prosecuting violations of international humanitarian law	
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Competent national authorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Help to enhance cooperation between states' judicial authorities through active participation in the Mutual Legal Assistance Initiative ('MLA Initiative')</li></ul> <b>International Criminal Court</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Help to make concrete improvements to the ICC's efficiency and effectiveness</li></ul>
Topic 4: Translating, disseminating and teaching international humanitarian law	
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Strengthen the dissemination and training of IHL in the Swiss Armed Forces and among civilians, including through the use of digital technologies</li></ul>
Topic 5: Support the implementation of international humanitarian law	
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Interdepartmental Committee for International Humanitarian Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Encourage further consideration of the IHL-related challenges that Switzerland faces, based on the voluntary report</li><li>▶ Periodically update all or part of the voluntary report in order to assess Switzerland's progress in implementing IHL</li><li>▶ Discuss IHL implementation and compliance with other national IHL committees, including within the ICRC's online community, and support efforts by these committees to draw up their own voluntary reports</li><li>▶ Support the organisation of expert meetings on IHL, including on the basis of the voluntary report</li><li>▶ Encourage the Security Council to address IHL issues appropriately, including as part of Switzerland's campaign to be elected to serve on the Security Council</li></ul> <b>International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Raise awareness of the IHFFC and encourage states to recognise its competence, use its investigative services and accept its good offices in order to promote IHL compliance</li></ul>
Topic 6: Other measures to ensure compliance with international humanitarian law	
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Fully implement Switzerland's pledge <i>Strengthening dissemination of IHL (2020–23)</i>, including in terms of organising events aimed at disseminating the voluntary report</li></ul>