

Swiss Nominee for Member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission

The Directorate of International Law of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs invites applications for a possible Swiss nominee for the upcoming election of members of the [International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission \(IHFFC\)](#).

IHFFC: The IHFFC is the only permanent treaty-based organ mandated to address incidents in relation to international humanitarian law (IHL). It stands at the service of parties to an armed conflict to conduct inquiries into alleged violations of IHL and to facilitate, through its good offices, the restoration of an attitude of respect for IHL. Its legal basis is Article 90 of Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 (Protocol). For further information, please consult the website of the IHFFC on <http://www.ihffc.org>.

Election: Every five years, the States, that have accepted the competence of the IHFFC elect its fifteen members.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CV and a letter of motivation (both in English and French) to dv.ihl@eda.admin.ch by 18 March 2026. For any questions, please contact dv.ihl@eda.admin.ch.

Required Qualifications

- High moral standing and acknowledged impartiality
- Proven expertise and extensive relevant experience (min. 10 years) in areas relevant to the work of the IHFFC, ideally related to situations of armed conflict
- Expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - fact-finding and investigations,
 - medicine (including forensic expertise),
 - engineering,
 - military science,
 - international humanitarian law,
 - diplomacy
- Excellent knowledge and spoken command of at least one of the working languages of the IHFFC (French and English)
- Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to work in teams, social competence, flexibility and resilience
- Ability and willingness to go participate in a competitive election process
- Availability to effectively carry out the full five-year mandate, including travel and short-notice assignments

Further Information

Selection: Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews with a panel chaired by the International Law Directorate.

Nomination: Following the interviews, a decision will be taken whether or not to submit a nomination for the election. The deadline for nominations at the international level is 12 June 2026.

Campaign: A potential nominee is expected to go participate in a competitive election process and to be available for campaign-related activities.

Election: The election will take place on 20 November 2026.

Mandate: The mandate is limited to five years and begins with the first Annual Meeting of the newly elected Commission, to be held in Spring 2027. Members may be nominated by States for re-election.

Financial Conditions: Official activities carried out on behalf of the IHFFC are remunerated *pro rata temporis* on the basis of the monthly amount granted to a United Nations Official at grade D-1. Official travel undertaken on behalf of the IHFFC is reimbursed, including through per diem allowances in accordance with rates established by the International Civil Service Commission of the United Nations.