

Thank you, Chair.

First, I would like to congratulate the ICRC and the co-chairs for this important milestone.

When Brazil was invited by the ICRC to join and help lead this Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to International Humanitarian Law, more than a year ago, we did not hesitate. We saw it as an opportunity to reaffirm our long-standing commitment to international humanitarian law and to the Geneva Conventions — at a time when we continue to witness widespread and repeated violations of IHL, as well as increasingly permissive narratives that put this legacy at risk.

Today, we are very pleased to see, in this Interim Progress Report, the concrete results of the first phase of the Initiative. The report demonstrates not only the broad support for the defense of IHL, but also that it is possible to foster shared understandings even on complex and sensitive issues — such as the protection of hospitals, the use of new technologies, and the conduct of naval warfare.

We recognize that there is still much to be done in the next rounds of consultations. But we are confident that the ICRC, working closely with the six co-founding States and the co-chairs, will continue to translate national perspectives and guide our collective efforts.

Brazil commends the ICRC and all partners for the progress achieved so far, and reiterates its strong commitment to the Global Initiative. We remain ready to contribute actively to the next stages of the process, in particular to the preparation of the final recommendations — which we hope will help elevate international humanitarian law as a true political priority.

Thank you.