

China appreciates the joint efforts of the ICRC and 27 co-chair countries in promoting positive progress in the first round of state consultations. The report comprehensively reflects the good practices and positions of various countries, laying a solid foundation for subsequent work and creating favorable conditions for the High-Level Meeting to Uphold Humanity in War in 2026.

Currently, international and regional conflicts are protracted and difficult to resolve, and the withdrawal of funding and suspension of funds by some countries are exacerbating the financial difficulties of international humanitarian agencies, further exacerbating humanitarian crises in certain countries and regions. Against this backdrop, advancing the "Humanitarian Reset" process and promoting International Humanitarian Law are of great practical significance.

Chinese President Xi Jinping recently proposed the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), and highlighted five principles of the GGI -- adhering to sovereign equality, abiding by international rule of law, practicing multilateralism, advocating the people-centered approach, and focusing on taking real actions. Upholding the universal and uniform application of IHL is an integral part of "abiding by international rule of law". Promoting the protective principles of IHL is the best interpretation of "advocating the people-centered approach".

As one of the 6 founding states of the IHL Initiative, China is willing to work with the ICRC and other parties, guided by the Global Governance Initiative, to actively promote the improvement and strengthening of global humanitarian governance.