



## National statement of the Republic of Slovenia

at the

### Third Round of Consultations on National IHL Committees

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Distinguished participants,

Slovenia is pleased and honoured to participate in the Third Round of Consultations on National IHL Committees. We value this opportunity to share our views and present proposals regarding the role, functioning and future work of National IHL Committees, drawing particularly on our practical experience and ongoing engagement. National IHL Committees share the common purpose of supporting and coordinating the effective implementation of international humanitarian law (IHL) at the national level.

Slovenia therefore strongly **supports the drafting of a dedicated paper** that fully reflects and utilises the potential of the Committees, particularly the expertise of their members. This expertise is especially valuable when it comes to preparing national implementation measures, drafting voluntary reports on IHL and translating IHL documents into national languages. Furthermore, Slovenia underlines the need to strengthen cooperation among National IHL Committees at regional and global levels, including in relation to their role in preparing for the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Cross-cutting cooperation between National Committees in Europe and Asia/Africa should be encouraged. Finally, Slovenia supports the preparation of a compilation of best practices emerging from the work of these committees and encourages States that have not yet established such bodies to do so as a practical step of strengthening the implementation of IHL. By way of example, the Slovenian National IHL Committee has shared its experience and best practices with the Montenegrin National IHL Committee.

Slovenia supports strengthened **international cooperation** among National IHL Committees and favours the establishment of regular regional consultations on topical IHL issues, to be held every two years. Slovenia also encourages bilateral and trilateral exchanges, including its cooperation with the German National IHL Committee and the recent trilateral meeting in Gorizia involving the Slovenian, Austrian and Italian National IHL Committees. Further efforts should focus on reinforcing existing cooperation mechanisms, including enhanced cooperation among experts within National Committees to address new developments in IHL.

Slovenia considers the **monitoring of the effectiveness** of National IHL Committees essential to ensuring their continued relevance and impact. Effectiveness can be assessed through regular analysis of the areas in which Committee members are engaged, including the specific projects and processes to which they contribute. Particular attention should be devoted to identifying how the expertise of Committee members is applied in practice and where it adds tangible value to national implementation efforts. In this regard, Slovenia highlights its experience in preparing its first voluntary report on IHL as an example of how National IHL Committees can make a meaningful contribution to monitoring progress and strengthening coordination among relevant stakeholders. Such practices also promote transparency, institutional learning and the continuous improvement of the national implementation of IHL.

Finally, Slovenia **proposes further measures** to strengthen the work and impact of National IHL Committees, specifically by improving the flow of information between them. Greater emphasis should be placed on sharing examples of successful and best practice, including concrete experiences that have contributed to improved respect for IHL in practice. These experiences may include training activities, strengthened international cooperation or voluntary IHL reports. Such reports can help identify gaps in the implementation of national measures and highlight shortcomings in the dissemination of IHL that require follow-up action.

Slovenia also encourages closer collaboration between National IHL Committees and educational institutions, particularly within the European region, for example, through the development of joint regional training programmes.

Thank you.

