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The Council of Delegates,

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3. *encourages* States to consider ratifying or acceding to IHL treaties to which they are not yet party, including the 1977 Additional Protocols, and to take all necessary measures for their implementation, and furthermore *encourages* the States Parties to consider recognizing the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission under Article 90 of Additional Protocol I;

4. *invites* the components of the Movement, in accordance with their respective mandates, to offer support to States in this respect;

5. *notes with appreciation* the steps undertaken so far by the ICRC to implement Resolution 1 of the 32nd International Conference, and by the ICRC and the Government of Switzerland to implement Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference;

6. *expresses support* for the ICRC’s ongoing work on the intergovernmental process under Resolution 2, while recognizing its State-driven nature;

7. *expresses appreciation* to members who are contributing to the ICRC-facilitated Open-Ended Reference Group of the Movement related to the intergovernmental process under Resolution 2, and *encourages* the Movement to participate in and support the Group’s work, including by encouraging active State engagement in the process;

8. *notes* the continuing importance of customary IHL to the regulation of contemporary armed conflicts, and *emphasizes* the customary IHL study as an important contribution to the protection of victims of armed conflict;

9. *reiterates its thanks* to the ICRC for initiating, in 2007, with the British Red Cross, the updating of the “practice” volume of the study, and *expresses appreciation* for the work jointly carried out since then;

10. *welcomes* the creation of the ICRC’s online customary IHL database in 2010, making the content of the study as well as regular updates of worldwide practice freely accessible, and *notes* the wide use of the customary IHL study and database in national and international materials;

11. *expresses its appreciation* to all National Societies, States, researchers and ICRC delegations that have supported the database with contributions of national practice over the last decade, *thanks* them for any future support they may be able to give in this respect, and especially *encourages* contributions of national practice from additional National Societies;

12. *recommends* the study and database to all components of the Movement as a basis for discussion, where relevant, with national authorities, armed forces, academic circles and parties to armed conflict;

13. *invites* National Societies, to the extent of their capacities, to continue to disseminate and promote the findings of the study as widely as possible, including by making use of the database, and *thanks* all National Societies that have already done so in the past.