**Resolution 1 – Bringing IHL home: A road map for better national implementation of international humanitarian law**

Since 2019, the Czech Red Cross (“CRC”) in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense (“MOD”) has organized eleven 25-hour IHL courses, attended by 228 persons (88 civilian IHL trainers, including teachers, and 140 members of the Czech Army). Two of these courses (42 participants) were organized exclusively for members of the Czech Armed Forces and the participants will further disseminate basic knowledge and understanding of IHL within the Preparedness to Defend the State Program at elementary and high schools throughout the Czech Republic.

In 2022, the Faculty of Military Medicine of the University of Defence launched a new course for Czech military medical personnel, which includes in-depth instruction in IHL rules linked to medical personnel and facilities. These courses are lectured by the CRC. Three courses have been held so far.

The CRC supports Czech universities with integration of IHL into their curricula; the cooperation is based on Memoranda of Understanding concluded between the CRC and Czech universities to that effect. Two new memoranda was concluded – with the Medical Faculty of the University in Ostrava and the Medical-social faculty of the University of South Bohemia. The CRC IHL course has been included among optional courses of the study program for high school teachers at Palacký University in Olomouc. The Medical Faculty of the same university, in cooperation with the CRC, has launched a new 1-semester course focused on basic information about the Red Cross and IHL for medical staff.

In 2022 and 2023, the CRC organized two seminars for general audience on Red Cross and Red Crescent Emblems.

In total, between 2020 and 2024, the CRC through its network of disseminators carried out 533 events focused on disseminating IHL, attended by 19 177 persons.

During the reporting period, the CRC issued the handbook “*Geneva Conventions, Customs and Principles of IHL”*, which provides a brief overview of IHL, focusing on Geneva Conventions for the Protection of War Victims and their Additional Protocols. The handbook contains an inventory of rules of customary international humanitarian law as well as an overview of the IHL fundamental principles (2020). The CRC also published a brochure “*Red Cross and Red Crescent Emblems*”, which focuses on prevention of misuse of these emblems (2022), and a leaflet *“Humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, universality”,* which summarizes basic information on components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and IHL.

Based on the request of the Ministry of Health (MOH), the CRC has trained members of the Emergency Medical Team (54 people) in 8-hour courses focused on the basics of IHL for medical staff and ICRC recommendations for behavior of medical staff in areas of armed conflict or internal disturbances.

In 2023, the MOH in cooperation with the CRC has published *a manual on Protection of medical workers.* It explains rights and obligations of health workers under international humanitarian law and specifies concrete recommendations to eliminate risks to which the health workers may be exposed in the situation of armed conflict or internal disturbances (including a checklist of “to-do’s” and “not-to-do’s”). The MOH distributes the manual to providers of the Emergency Medical Service in the Czech Republic and it is likewise available at the website of the National Committee.

The CRC is a founding member of the National Committee on implementation of IHL. CRC actively participates in the meetings of the Committee, several of which took place directly at the CRC headquarters. In April 2021, Committee launched a new website ([www.nsmhp.cz](http://www.nsmhp.cz) ) and CRC manages this one.