

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

Operating paragraph 8 encourages National Societies to take concrete activities to disseminate IHL effectively.

- Throughout the reporting period, the Netherlands Red Cross has continued its IHL dissemination activities.
- Dissemination is aimed at various audiences, which is aimed to reach relevant actors as well as the general public.
- On a regular and ongoing basis, NLRC provides dissemination sessions for civil servants, diplomats, members of the armed forces, medical personnel, journalists and civil society. These may be part of broader training programmes, whether organized by NLRC or third parties, or stand-alone sessions. NLRC works closely with the academia, and research and knowledge institutes in this regard.
- Furthermore, NLRC provides thematic briefings to members of Parliament, both on a bilateral basis and during parliamentary roundtable sessions. NLRC also provides written and oral statements during consultations at the ministerial level.
- NLRC maintains contacts with the media and interacts with journalists on matters of IHL.
- Regarding the general public, NLRC IHL staff and volunteer educators engage with students in the Dutch educational system, to introduce them to the rules of armed conflict. Next to the regular session in educational settings, NLRC also initiates IHL activities targeting youth participation through its own events.
- For this purpose, IHL materials and tools have been reviewed and updated. This remains an ongoing process.
- In close collaboration with the Belgian Red Cross – Flanders, NLRC continues to organize and hosts the annual IHL moot court for law students, the Frits Kalshoven Competition.
- Dissemination of IHL is also part of key messages through press statements, publications, social media content and educational materials made available to third party users.
- NLRC continues to promote the importance of the protection of the emblem, through proactively and reactively engage with relevant actors, as well as through advocacy campaigns.