**Specific Pledge**

# Pledge title:

Strengthening compliance with IHL through its promotion and dissemination

# Type of pledge: SPECIFIC

# State(s) / National Society(ies) / other humanitarian partner(s):

The Federal Republic of Nigeria

# Pledge for the period:

2024–2028

# Objective of the Pledge:

As a State Party to the Four Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols (I and II) who is committed to addressing the effects of armed conflict, such as sexual violence, attacks on humanitarian aid/personnel, attacks on hospitals and medical missions, indiscriminate use and presence of explosive devices, etc., Nigeria recognizes that it is imperative to prioritize the promotion and dissemination of IHL principles, in peace time and period of armed conflict, to foster a culture of respect for human life and dignity and ensure adherence to international humanitarian law.

# Conference theme(s)/topic related to this pledge:

Nigeria hereby pledges to:

1. Increase dissemination efforts towards the armed and security forces as well as the general population to enhance knowledge of and compliance with IHL;
2. Support the Nigerian National IHL Committee’s work towards the adoption of relevant national in line with IHL;
3. Use various means such as collaboration, mobilization, etc., to raise awareness on the importance of IHL with relevant organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross in Nigeria

# Action plan

1. Strengthen the mandate of the Nigerian National IHL Committee to effectively carry out the pledge mentioned above;
2. Awareness raising and dissemination to the armed forces and other relevant audiences
3. Capacity building activities towards IHL application, dissemination and promotion;
4. Consider the adoption and/or revision of IHL curriculum into the training of military officers, cadets, military attaché and other related security personnel;
5. Consider the regular trainings of Legal Advisers attached to the Nigerian Armed Forces and relevant Ministries in IHL, in particular on the principles of IHL in relation of the mandates of the Ministries;

# Indicators for measuring progress

1. Number of military and security personnel trained on IHL
2. Number of Legal Advisers within Ministries trained on IHL
3. Number of judges and members of the judiciary trained on IHL
4. Number of public engagements and exchanges on related IHL issues by Nigerian authorities
5. Number of awareness programmes / information, education, and communication” materials on IHL by relevant national authorities

# Resource implications

TBD

# Ministries/ Department/ Agencies Concerned

1. Federal Executive Council
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. Ministry of Justice
4. Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs
5. Ministry of Defence
6. Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
7. Ministry of Information and National Orientation (in particular the National Orientation Agency)
8. Ministry of Interior
9. Ministry of Finance (in particular the Budget and National Planning)
10. Ministry of Health
11. National Assembly
12. Nigeria’s Governors Forum
13. National IHL Committee
14. Nigerian Red Cross Society