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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations has the honor to refer to the letter by the Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims in armed conflicts" (LA/COD/2/1) and, in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 71/144 of 13 December 2016, has the honor of submitting the following information:

1. Participation in Treaties related to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Brazil is a party to all the main instruments in international humanitarian law, including the four



List of practice related to IHL to which Brazil is party

- I-IV Geneva Conventions of 1949 (since 29/06/1957);
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Protection of

Victims of International Armed Conflicts (since 05/05/1980)

- Declaration recognizing the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission provided for in Article 90 AP I (since 23/11/1993);

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the

- Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (since 01/10/1999);

- Protocol V to the Convention of 1980 on Weapons and Explosive Remnants of War (since 30/11/2010);
- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (since 13/03/1996);

Convention on the Prohibition on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-

Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (since 30/04/1999);

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs convenes the meetings of the National Committee, generally every three or four months. The meetings cover issues related to education on IHL, protection of cultural property in armed conflicts, monitoring of pending draft bills on IHL matters, health and IHL, protection of the emblems, among others.

The National Committee has been very active, with the creation of several subcommittees aimed at implementing specific areas of IHL. More recently (March 2018), it created the "Subcommittee on New Technologies of War", whose objective is to gather and disseminate information that may contribute to internal and international debates on the compatibility of new

technologies with international law, particularly IHL, and international human rights law.

Representatives from the National Committee participated in several international events organized by the ICRC, including the Universal Meeting of National Committees, the Conference of States on IHL Compliance and Detention in NIAC in Geneva, and the meetings "IHL and Weapons" and "Forum of the Montreux document ", in San José, Costa Rica.

3.2 Protection of the emblems

On December 8, 2017, the Commission on Foreign Relations and National Defense and the Commission on the Constitution, Justice and Citizenship of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies approved a Bill on the use and protection of the emblem of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and

The National Committee also created a Subcommittee aimed at developing further measures to

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