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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) presents its compliments to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, and has the honour to refer to the letter (ref. LA/COD/2/2) dated 2 March 2018, regarding General Assembly Resolution 71/144 of 13 December 2016, entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts"

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working with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to help foster adherence and implementation in the countries in which they work. The ICRC organized a range of events – particularly national and regional IHL seminars – throughout the world, where mines, cluster munitions and CCM were among the topics discussed. This included seminars in Africa, Asia and

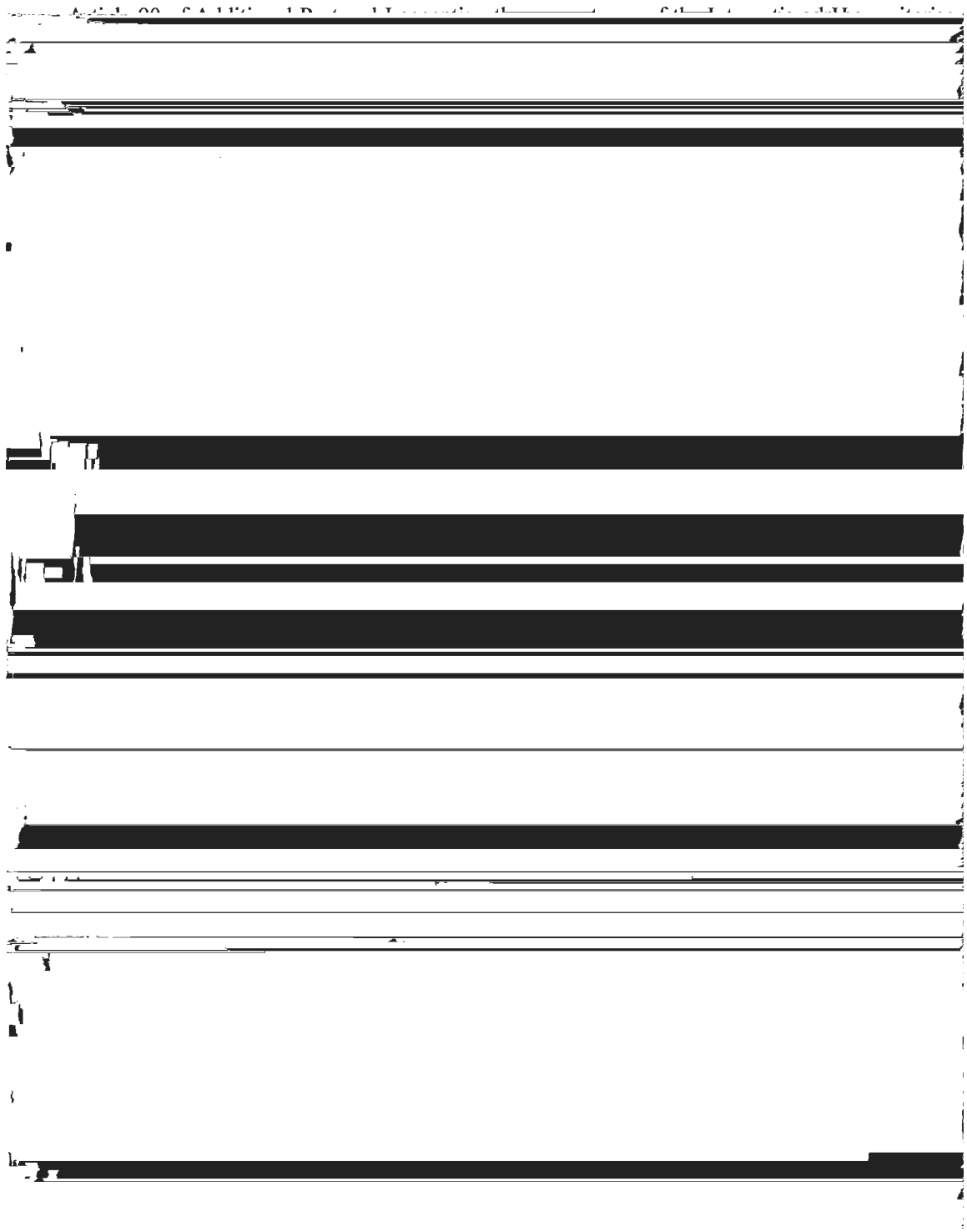
Latin America.

The ICRC participated, in most instances at the level of president or vice-president, in the annual meetings of States Parties to the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) and the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). ICRC experts also attended Meetings of States Parties

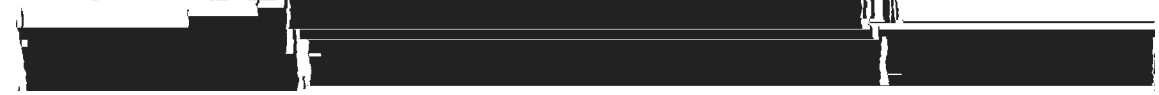
<sup>3</sup> An overview report of the meeting is available at: <https://www.icrc.org>

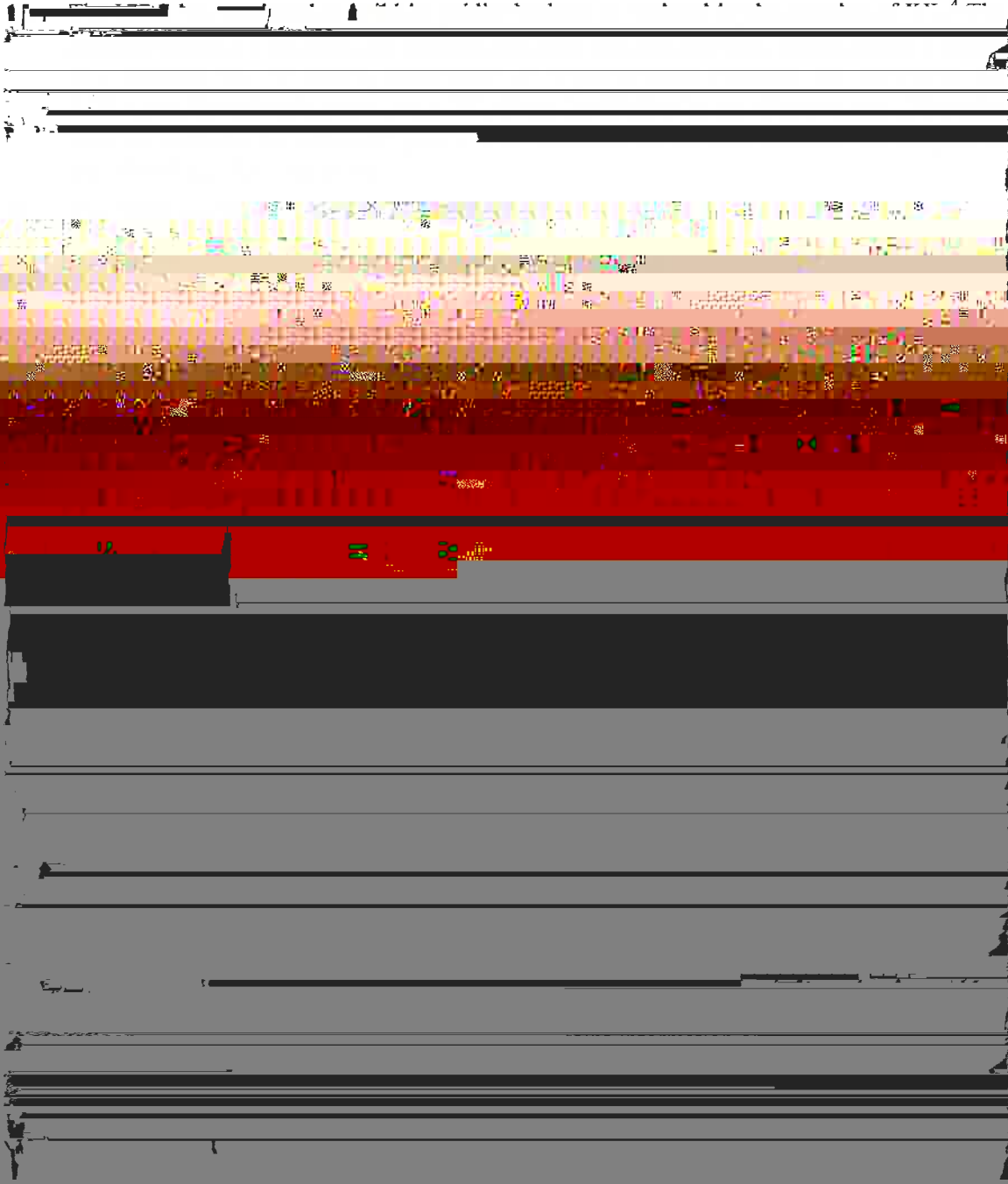
**Status of adherence to Additional Protocols of 1977 and other IHL instruments**

9. At the time of writing, 174 States are party to Additional Protocol I and 168 States are party to Additional Protocol II. In the period under review, Palestine made a declaration pursuant to



10. The number of States party to other key instruments of IHL has continued to grow. The ICRC





<sup>4</sup> The national implementation database is available at:

<sup>5</sup> The ICRC Customary IHL Database is available at:

<sup>6</sup> Nils Melzer, *International Humanitarian Law: A Comprehensive Introduction*, ICRC, Geneva, 2016, available at:

<sup>7</sup> IPU and ICRC, “International Humanitarian Law”, Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 25, 2016, available at:

<sup>8</sup> ICRC, 2016, available at:

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<sup>9</sup> ICRC, 2016, available at

<sup>10</sup> These documents are available at: