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The ICRC Delegation to the UN invites you to attend a briefing on

**“Enhancing the protection of wounded & sick in armed conflict:
An updated Commentary to clarify & operationalize the law”**

Briefing by

Knut Dörmann, Chief Legal Officer & Head of the Legal Division, ICRC

With introductory remarks by

Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary General for Legal Affairs, UN

For over 60 years, the *ICRC Commentaries* have assisted military lawyers, jurists, judges and scholars around the world in the interpretation and application of the Geneva Conventions. In order to maintain this interpretive guide adapted to today’s humanitarian challenges, the ICRC has embarked on a project to update the Commentaries. The new Commentaries aim to capture legal and operational developments by drawing on a number of sources reflecting State practice, but also case-law from international courts and tribunals, scholarly writings and the ICRC archives. In March 2016, the release of the Updated Commentary on the First Geneva Convention on Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field marked an important milestone in this process. The aim of this side-event at the occasion of the International Law Week is to provide member states, principal legal advisers, 6th Committee delegates, humanitarian affairs experts, and any other interested representatives with a briefing on key updates of the new Commentary and its importance for the protection of wounded and sick in armed conflict.

Wednesday, 26 October 2016, 08:30-09:30am

Conference Room 6, General Assembly Building, United Nations HQ

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Please RSVP by 23 October 2016 to fedupasquier@icrc.org