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La Misión Permanente de la República Argentina ante las Naciones Unidas presenta sus atentos saludos a la Oficina de Asuntos Jurídicos –Naciones Unidas- y tiene el honor de referirse a vuestra nota LA/COD/2/1 de fecha 17 de enero de 2022 relativa a la Resolución 75/138 de la Asamblea General.

Al respecto, esta Misión Permanente se complace en remitir adjunto información suministrada por las autoridades nacionales competentes.

La Misión Permanente de la República Argentina ante las Naciones Unidas aprovecha esta oportunidad para reiterar a la Oficina de Asuntos Jurídicos – Naciones Unidas- las seguridades de su consideración más distinguida.

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## **Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts**

### **ARGENTINA**

Argentina has ratified all the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions and, in accordance with article 90 of Additional Protocol I, has recognized the competence of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission (IHFFC) on 11 th. October 1996. Argentina's high level of compromise with the activities of the Commission reflects in the fact that nationals of Argentina have been integrating the Commission since 2012 to date. Dissemination events about the IHFFC have been organized in Argentina in 2014 and 2015, and pledges has been submitted during the two last International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent to express Argentina's support to the mandate of the IHFFC and its compromise to continue disseminating the existence of the Commission.

Moreover, during the XXXIII International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Argentina actively supported the inclusion of a reference to the IHFFC in Resolution 33IC/19/R1: "Bringing IHL home: A road map for better national implementation of international humanitarian law". Argentina is also a member of the Group of Friends of the IHFFC since 2019, which aims to help to strengthen the visibility of the Commission as the only permanent body based upon a Treaty with the mandate of restoring an attitude of respect for IHL.

Argentina acknowledges the need to protect cultural heritage from destruction during armed conflicts as an important part of the realization of international humanitarian law. In this regard, it has ratified and is a Party to several Conventions on cultural property protection, such as the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict –ratified in 1989- and its two Protocols –ratified in 2002 and 2007-. Argentina has also participated, during the period 2012-2016, as a member of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict established by the 1999 Second Protocol to promote it and implement it.

Argentina is also a Party, since 2002, to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict of 2000. Since 2014, Argentina is a Party to the Arms Trade Treaty of 2013, and also participates as an observer in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions of 2008.

According to its historical compromise with the strengthening of accountability and justice mechanisms for serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, Argentina is also a Party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court since 2002 and it is a strong supporter of the universality of the Statute. Argentina has also ratified the "Kampala Amendments" related to crimes of aggression and that complete the institutional structure of the Rome Statute system.

Together with Norway, Argentina has led the state consultations that concluded with the adoption of the "Safe Schools Declaration" in 2015, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the protection of children's education and other rights

during hostilities. In this regard, Argentina has organized in 2017 and participated in 2019 in International Conferences on Safe Schools, and it has played an active role together with Norway in the development of the “Safe Schools Initiative”, particularly on occasion of the XXXIII International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Argentina has also made a specific pledge related to this initiative, submitted to the last mentioned Conference.

Other pledges made by Argentina at the last International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, include the revision of the integration of IHL in the training of the armed forces; and the comprehensive treatment against sexual abuse and exploitation in the context of abroad operations.

The activities of the National Commission for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law –created in 1994- have continued to expand, through the creation of specific academic programs on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and its relation with the International Human Rights Law in the framework of a permanent capacity-building for the national armed forces; the signalization of cultural property of high cultural value according to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict; the mapping of schools in the framework of the Safe Schools’ Initiative; and the dissemination of IHL through audio-visual tools.

Argentina is currently working, with the collaboration of the regional office of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the elaboration of its first National Voluntary Report on the implementation of the IHL at the domestic level.