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The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) and has the honor to refer to OLA'S Note Verbale of 17 January 2022 encouraging Member States to submit information on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, in accordance with paragraphs 11 and 12 of GA Resolution 75/138.

In accordance with paragraph 12 of GA Resolution 75/138, the Permanent Mission of Italy is hereby submitting the above-mentioned information in a national capacity.

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations renew to OLA the assurances of its highest consideration.

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With regard to General Assembly resolution 75/138 of 15 December 2020, entitled, “Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and relating to the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflicts” requiring information from Member States on the status of the Additional Protocols as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of International Humanitarian Law with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, Italy would like to point out the following:

- Italy ratified the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocols to the Geneva Convention on February 27, 1986 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Additional Protocol on January 29, 2009.
- Concerning the measures taken to strengthen the existing body of International Humanitarian Law with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, Italy would like to announce its recent establishment of a National Committee for the study and development of International Humanitarian Law, set up in accordance with the resolution “Bringing IHL Home”, adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of December 2019. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministries of Justice and Defense and the Italian Red Cross Society are permanent members of the Committee. Nevertheless, based on the agenda topics, participation as observers can be extended from time to time to other institutions, such as the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Culture, the Italian Committees for UNICEF and UNESCO and the Sanremo International Institute of Humanitarian Law.
- Among other initiatives, Italy underscores its strong commitment to the safety of children in armed conflict, including ensuring their access to education. At the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of December 2019, Italy made a solemn, open pledge to take all necessary actions to ensure that children live safely and enjoy their fundamental rights, including the right to education, also in armed conflict situations. In recent years, Italy has organized numerous events in the main UN fora dedicated to human rights for the purpose of raising awareness on the matter, while offering full support to the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict - the first international academic network, currently gathering 40 Universities around the world to tackle this issue. Finally, the fourth Italian National Action Plan for the 2020-2024<sup>1</sup> period, with a special focus on girls in armed conflict and post-conflict situations, was adopted in November 2020, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security.

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<sup>1</sup> [Plan of Action 1325 2020-2024.pdf \(peacewomen.org\)](#)