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THE HAGUE STATEMENT ON RESPECT OF HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES

We, the undersigned,

undertake to respect and ensure respect of International Humanitarian Law and remind all Fighting Units of their obligation to apply the following fundamental principles:

- wounded and ill persons must be helped and protected in all circumstances,
- all arrested persons, and notably combatants who have surrendered, must be treated with humanity,
- all detaining authorities must ensure the protection of the prisoners,
- the civilian population and civilian property must not be attacked,
- the Red Cross emblem must be respected. It may be used only to designate sanitary troops or buildings as well as persons and vehicles belonging to this service,
- all Red Cross personnel and medical personnel assisting civilian populations and persons hors combat must be granted the necessary freedom of movement to achieve their tasks,
- unconditional support for the action of the ICRC in favour of the victims

support unreservedly the humanitarian action of the Red Cross and in particular of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).