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**REPORT**

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This book contains the proceedings of a Symposium organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross on the subject of Humanitarian Action and Peace-keeping Operations. The participants included military and civilian personnel having field experience, members of the United Nations Secretariat from the Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, government officials, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and academicians working in this field. The discussions held dealt with several fundamental issues such as the interface between the humanitarian and the military aspects of peace-keeping operations, the application of international humanitarian law, the consent factor in the State of operation, the possibility of resorting to coercive action in furnishing humanitarian assistance and its consequences, and the training of the troops involved.

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