

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

ICRC and International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: Some recent documents on international humanitarian law and persons with disabilities

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Resolution 33IC/19/R1 contains the following wording (bold emphasis added):

Preamble

recalling that persons taking no active part in the hostilities shall in all circumstances be treated humanely, without any adverse distinction founded on race, colour, religion or faith, sex, birth or wealth, or any other similar criteria,

recognizing that women, men, girls and boys of different ages, **disabilities** and backgrounds can be affected differently by armed conflict, and that these differences need to be considered when implementing and applying IHL, in order to safeguard adequate protection for all

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calls upon States to protect the most vulnerable people affected by armed conflicts, in particular women, children and **persons with disabilities**, and to provide that they receive timely, effective humanitarian assistance