I'd also like to take this opportunity to discuss the ongoing international initiative on strengthening_ compliance with international humanitarian law and to provide an update on our views following the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in December of last year. Over the past four years, the United States has been a strong supporter of creating a·new forum to facilitate substantive, non-politicized discussion between States about international humanitarian law, and we believe that remains a worthy- and achievable- goal. It will be essential, however, to ensure that the forum's modalities guard against politicization, such as by focusing discussions on best practices rather than violations, and ensuring that States report on their own practice rather than the practice of other States. We look forward to the further development of this initiative-as