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General Debate on the Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction

Statement by the International Committee of the Red Cross

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[Madame Chair],

The principle of universal jurisdiction is one of the key tools for ensuring the prevention and repression of serious violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

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States have increasingly recognized the principle of universal jurisdiction as an important means to end impunity for the commission of serious violations of IHL and other international crimes. The value