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Mr Chairman,

The United Kingdom welcomes the discussion on the Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts. We align ourselves with the statement delivered by

the European Union. In addition, as per UNGA resolution 71/144, we have provided a detailed statement this June, outlining the UK's activities related to

implementing and promoting IHL. Further to our statement, we would like to highlight the following points, which demonstrate the UK's activities and efforts in the field of IHL.

Firstly, as an update to our 2016 report, we are pleased to announce that, in 2017, the United Kingdom enacted the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Act. This Act provides for the ratification and accession of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

humanitarian field and we greatly value the assistance they provide to those in need in the most dangerous of environments.

In parallel, we continue to support the intergovernmental process to Strengthen Respect for IHL, co-facilitated by the ICRC and Switzerland. Ahead of the Fifth Formal meeting this December, we urge and encourage States to work constructively in finding common ground to support this initiative. The UK has

other countries on developing the commonalities with other proposals.

Lastly, support for international criminal justice and accountability is a fundamental element of UK foreign policy. We reiterate the UK's support for the