

Translated from Russian

Belarus

Paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 73/204 of 20 December 2018 on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts

Belarus reaffirms the information submitted in 2016 (A/71/183).

Since 2016, the following important events have taken place:

- In November 2017, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Peter Maurer, visited Belarus for the first time. During the visit, he met with the President of Belarus, Alyaksandr Lukashenko, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence and Minister of Justice.
- In the course of the visit, on 8 November 2017, an agreement between Belarus and ICRC on the status, privileges and immunities of the organization in Belarus was signed.
- In 2018, an ICRC office was opened in Belarus.
- In November 2017 and October 2019, Minsk hosted the sixth and seventh Regional Seminars on Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, which were organized jointly by the Ministry of Justice and ICRC.

From 9 to 12 December 2019, delegations from the Government of Belarus and the Belarusian Red Cross Society took part in the thirty-third International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Within the framework of the Conference, the Belarusian side organized two thematic events:

- An event on combating trafficking in persons in the context of armed conflict
- A presentation of a book, *Missia miloserdia. Illyustrativnaya istoria Krasnogo Kresta v Belarusi* (Mission of Mercy: an Illustrated History of the Red Cross in Belarus), which recounts the story of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Belarus

The Belarusian delegation presented information on the work of the Commission on Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, which reports to the Council of Ministers of

Belarus, at a special session of the Conference devoted to voluntary reporting and sharing of good practices.

The event on combating trafficking in persons took place on 11 December 2019 and took the form of a discussion. The idea of holding the event arose from a proposal put forward by the President of Belarus, at the 2005 World Summit, for the establishment of a global partnership to combat trafficking in persons.