

# History of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and of international humanitarian law

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## **Movement      IHL**

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**1859** Battle of Solferino – Henry Dunant

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**1863** International Committee for the relief of military wounded: as from 1876, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)  
International Conference convened in Geneva  
Establishment of national committees for the relief of military wounded

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**1864** Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field

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**1867** First International Conference of the Red Cross

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**1899** The Hague Conventions  
– Laws and Customs of War on Land (Convention No. II)  
– Adaptation to Maritime Warfare of the Principles of the 1864 Geneva Convention (Convention No. III)

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**1906** Revision and development of the 1864 Geneva Convention

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**1907** The Hague Conventions  
– Laws and Customs of War on Land (Convention No. IV)  
– Adaptation to Maritime Warfare of the Principles of the 1906 Geneva Convention (Convention No. X)

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**1919** League of Red Cross Societies:  
as from 1983, League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
as from 1991, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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**1925** Geneva Protocol on the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases and of Bacterio-logical Methods of Warfare