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Any use of the emblems ^[1] not expressly authorized by IHL, which limits the use of the emblem to certain entities and/or persons.

Under Art. 85 (3) (f) of Protocol I, the perfidious ^[2] use of the emblems constitutes a grave breach ^[3] of the Protocol.

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indicative use of Red Cross emblem

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protective use of Red Cross emblem

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GCI, 42 ^[9] & 44 ^[10] (see ICRC updated Commentary ^[11])

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DOCUMENT

ICRC, Model Law Concerning the Emblem (Arts 10-12) ^[18]

CASES

United Kingdom, Labour Party Campaign - Misuse of the Emblem ^[19]

United Kingdom, Misuse of the Emblem ^[20]

Colombia, Misuse of the Emblem ^[21]

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