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The States party to instruments of international humanitarian law are under the obligation to respect and ensure respect for the said law in all circumstances, and accordingly to disseminate ^[1] knowledge and repress breaches ^[2] and grave breaches ^[3] of it.

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