In order to implement IHL and effectively protect the victims of armed conflicts, the contents of its rules must first be made known. The obligation to disseminate IHL is a corollary to the commitment to respect and ensure respect. Although dissemination activities must be stepped up during armed conflicts, they must also be carried out in peacetime. The obligation to disseminate extends beyond State armed forces to include armed groups and members of the civilian population.

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