



## Pledges on IDRL: Section 3.1- Strengthening the legal framework for international response to disasters



	Government	Pledge #	Pledge
	<b>EU Joint Pledge</b>	95	6) Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance (joint pledge) Without prejudice to the Member States' obligations under the Treaty on European Union, the European Union supports the aim pursued by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in its draft guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance, prepared under its IDRL programme. The EU Member States will examine the possibility of participation in regional pilot projects to disseminate the guidelines.
1	<b>Australia</b>	262	For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge: To continue our support for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action as the leading international framework for disaster risk reduction through: - a \$15 million commitment to Hyogo Framework implementing partners for a stronger focus on disaster risk reduction in the Asia and Pacific regions; and - enhancing the role of disaster risk reduction in our international disaster risk management commitments, agreements and policies.
2	<b>Austria</b>	95	
3	<b>Belarus</b>	157 Joint with NS	The Government of the Republic of Belarus and Belarusian society of Red Cross pledge to: 1. Use the Draft Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance as a reference when developments to legal, policy and institutional frameworks relevant to international disaster response are being considered. 2. Designate a focal point for sharing information and best practices regionally/internationally concerning legal preparedness for disaster response and issues raised by the Guidelines.
4	<b>Belgium</b>	95	
5	<b>Bulgaria</b>	95	
6	<b>Canada</b>	292	To acknowledge the importance of disaster risk reduction measures to minimize the impact of disasters on populations exposed to various hazards, and to continue to promote and invest in disaster risk reduction efforts at the national and international level; - To continue to support collaborative and coordinated national and international disaster response mechanisms; and, - To continue to examine domestic emergency management policies and regulations with a view to identifying and addressing, as necessary, potential obstacles to receiving international assistance in the event of a major domestic emergency. The Department of Foreign Affairs (the lead on the International Disaster response Laws file for the Government of Canada) and Public Safety Canada (the lead on domestic emergency management for Canada) will work jointly with federal departments and other levels of government to assess and identify possible solutions.



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7	<b>China</b>	81	<p>For the years 2008-2011, the Government of the People's Republic of China hereby pledges to:</p> <p><b>I.</b> Continue to adhere to the Four Geneva Conventions, the Two Additional Protocols and other instruments of International Humanitarian Law that China has ratified and acceded.</p> <p><b>II.</b> Promote and strengthen the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law and basic principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Advocate harmonious social culture of tolerance, non-discrimination and diversity.</p> <p><b>III.</b> Enhance capacity building of disaster and emergency response, according to the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.</p> <p><b>IV.</b> Continue to support the work of Red Cross Society of People's Republic of China, strengthen human resource training and capacity building of Red Cross Society of People's Republic of China, optimize the unique role of Red Cross Society of People's Republic of China as auxiliary to the government in the humanitarian field.</p> <p><b>V.</b> Develop cooperative relationship with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Maintain close contact with ICRC and IFRC delegations in Beijing, actively participating in in</p>
8	<b>Colombia</b>	171 Joint with NS	<p>El Gobierno de Colombia y la Sociedad de la Cruz Roja de Colombia se comprometen a:</p> <p>Continuar con el trabajo conjunto para fortalecer el marco normativo e institucional relativo a la acción internacional en casos de desastre a la luz de las Directrices sobre la facilitación y reglamentación nacionales de las operaciones internacionales de socorro en casos de desastre y asistencia para la recuperación inicial.</p> <p>Utilizar las Directrices sobre la facilitación y reglamentación nacionales de las operaciones internacional de socorro en casos de desastre y asistencia para la recuperación inicial como referencia cuando se consideren cambios en el marco normativo e institucional pertinente para la acción internacional en casos de desastre.</p> <p>Divulgar las Directrices sobre la acción internacional en caso de desastres a nivel nacional y contribuir a su aplicación.</p>
9	<b>Cyprus</b>	95	
10	<b>Czech Republic (the)</b>	95	
11	<b>Denmark</b>	95	
12	<b>Estonia</b>	95	
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16	<b>Greece</b>	95	
17	<b>Hungary</b>	95	
18	<b>Ireland</b>	95	
19	<b>Italy</b>	95	
20	<b>Latvia</b>	95	
21	<b>Lithuania</b>	95	
22	<b>Luxembourg</b>	95	
23	<b>Malta</b>	95	
24	<b>Mexico</b>	21	<p><b>Proposed Evaluation Criteria:</b> - Participación activa de México en los foros regionales e internacionales en materia de reducción de riesgos de desastres naturales.</p> <p>- Promoción de la participación de expertos mexicanos en las reuniones de la Estrategia Internacional para la Reducción de Desastres y la Plataforma Global para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres.</p> <p>- Fortalecer el marco jurídico para la atención de desastres naturales.</p> <p><b>Pledge text</b> Contribuir al fortalecimiento de los foros multilaterales en materia de reducción de riesgos de desastres naturales.</p>
25	<b>Netherlands (the)</b>	95	
26	<b>Nigeria</b>	193	<p><b>Evaluation Criteria:</b> Support the establishment of the legal framework for disaster management and coordination mechanism, resource development, mobilisation &amp; advocacy.</p> <p>- Improve partnership with communities, governments, NGOs, corporate bodies and others.</p> <p><b>Pledge text:</b> For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge:</p> <p>- to contribute to the reduction of injuries and deaths that may be caused by health, natural and man-made disasters in partnership with the government corporate bodies and other relevant organisations;</p> <p>- to promote active dissemination of IHL and respect for human dignity.</p>
27	<b>Norway</b>	280	<p>For the period 2008–2011, the Government of Norway and the Norwegian Red Cross hereby pledge to review national disaster response laws, regulations and policies in relation to disasters as defined in the Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance presented at this International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference with a view to ensuring consistency between Norway’s laws, regulations and policy and these guidelines.</p>
28	<b>Poland</b>	95	
29	<b>Portugal</b>	95	



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30	<b>Romania</b>	95	
31	<b>Slovakia</b>	95	
32	<b>Slovenia</b>	95	
33	<b>Spain</b>	95	
34	<b>Sweden</b>	95	
35	<b>Turkey</b>	86 176	<p><b>Pledge 86:</b> The Republic of Turkey pledges: - to promote a shared dialogue including relevant ministries, levels of government and civil society actors about means to strengthen legal preparedness for disasters.</p> <p><b>Pledge 176:</b> The Government of the Republic of Turkey aligns itself with the following EU pledge: "Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance. Without prejudice to the Member States' obligations under the Treaty on European Union, the European Union supports the aim pursued by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in its draft guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international relief and initial recovery assistance, prepared under its IDRL programme. The EU Member States will examine the possibility of participation in regional pilot projects to disseminate the guidelines."</p>
36	<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)</b>	95	
<b>National Societies</b>		<b>Pledge #</b>	<b>Pledge</b>
	<b>EU Joint NS Pledge</b>	56	We, National Red Cross Societies of the Member States of the European Union and Norway, hereby pledge to use the Guidelines on the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance as a reference when developments to legal, policy and institutional frameworks relevant to international disaster response are being considered. We will collaborate with our EU Member States in their pledge on participation in the dissemination and promotion of the Guidelines and will encourage our Governments to analyse domestic legal, policy and institutional frameworks on international disaster in order to determine whether any elements can be strengthened.
1	<b>Austria</b>	56	
2	<b>Belarus</b>	157 Joint with Gov	<p>The Government of the Republic of Belarus and Belarusian society of Red Cross pledge to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the Draft Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance as a reference when developments to legal, policy and institutional frameworks relevant to international disaster response are being considered.</li> <li>2. Designate a focal point for sharing information and best practices regionally/internationally concerning legal preparedness for disaster response and issues raised by the Guidelines.</li> </ol>



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3	<b>Belgium</b>	56	
4	<b>Botswana</b>	223	Collaborate with and support the International Federation activities in capacity building and training related to strengthening legal preparedness for disasters and dissemination of the guidelines.
5	<b>Bulgaria</b>	56	
6	<b>Canada</b>	292	<p>To acknowledge the importance of disaster risk reduction measures to minimize the impact of disasters on populations exposed to various hazards, and to continue to promote and invest in disaster risk reduction efforts at the national and international level;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue to support collaborative and coordinated national and international disaster response mechanisms; and,</li> <li>- To continue to examine domestic emergency management policies and regulations with a view to identifying and addressing, as necessary, potential obstacles to receiving international assistance in the event of a major domestic emergency. The Department of Foreign Affairs (the lead on the International Disaster response Laws file for the Government of Canada) and Public Safety Canada (the lead on domestic emergency management for Canada) will work jointly with federal departments and other levels of government to assess and identify possible solutions.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Colombia</b>	171 Joint with NS	<p>El Gobierno de Colombia y la Sociedad de la Cruz Roja de Colombia se comprometen a:</p> <p>Continuar con el trabajo conjunto para fortalecer el marco normativo e institucional relativo a la acción internacional en casos de desastre a la luz de las Directrices sobre la facilitación y reglamentación nacionales de las operaciones internacionales de socorro en casos de desastre y asistencia para la recuperación inicial.</p> <p>Utilizar las Directrices sobre la facilitación y reglamentación nacionales de las operaciones internacional de socorro en casos de desastre y asistencia para la recuperación inicial como referencia cuando se consideren cambios en el marco normativo e institucional pertinente para la acción internacional en casos de desastre.</p> <p>Divulgar las Directrices sobre la acción internacional en caso de desastres a nivel nacional y contribuir a su aplicación.</p>
8	<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	60	<p>Dans le souci d'une grande efficacité des opérations internationales de secours et d'assistance au relèvement après une catastrophe. L'adoption des lignes directrices favorisera leur application dans le droit et la politique internes.</p> <p>La Croix-Rouge de Côte d'Ivoire entend contribuer pleinement à leur promotion et leur intégration dans la politique et la gestion des opérations de secours de grandes ampleurs.</p>
9	<b>Czech Republic (the)</b>	56	
10	<b>Denmark</b>	56	
11	<b>Estonia</b>	56	
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15	<b>Greece</b>	56	
16	<b>Hungary</b>	56	
17	<b>Indonesia</b>	309	<p><b>Proposed Evaluation Criteria:</b> Act No. 24 of 2007 on Disaster Management is fully implemented by the Government of Indonesia and all other DM actors.</p> <p><b>Pledge text:</b> The Indonesia Red Cross promote a shared dialogue including relevant ministries, level of government and civil society actors about means to strengthen legal preparedness for disasters (making reference to the Guidelines on the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance).</p>
18	<b>Ireland</b>	56	
19	<b>Italy</b>	56	
20	<b>Kenya</b>	167 170	<p><b>For pledge 167:</b> For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge that we shall use the Guidelines on the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and initial recovery assistance as a reference when developments to legal policy and institutional frameworks relevant to international disaster response are being considered.</p> <p>For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge that we shall collaborate with support and participate in the International Federation's activities in capacity building and shall train, do research related to strengthening legal preparedness for disasters and shall disseminate and promote the guidelines.</p> <p><b>For pledge 170:</b> For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge that we shall collaborate with support and participate in the International Federation's activities in capacity building and shall train, do research related to strengthening legal preparedness for disasters and shall disseminate and promote the guidelines.</p>



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21	<b>Lao</b>	123	<p>The Lao Red Cross is committed to carry out the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Blood Program:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increase the number of voluntary blood donations to achieve adequate blood supply.</li> <li>- extending blood services to cover all provincial hospitals of the country.</li> <li>- initiating to establish blood storage units in 5 upgraded districts hospitals in remote areas.</li> <li>- improving quality management system in blood transfusion services, blood testing and clinical use of blood in existing blood networks with focus on quality control.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Watsan program:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continuation of on going projects/programs of watsan as per implementing in 17 provincial branches.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. Branch Development:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keep on going branch development by increasing the capacity of 3 branches targeted 2 in the central and 1 in the northern part of Laos.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. Disaster Management:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continuation of on going DM program with focus on public awareness on disaster reduction/mitigation including climate change and targeted at 3 provincial branches (2 in the south, 1 in central) with disaster prone areas.</li> <li>- to prepare better for the future humanitarian challenges of climate change, violence and migration and new and re-emerging health th</li> <li>- include the concept of Global Alliances to routine HIV/AIDS programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5. youth volunteer and volunteers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to develop long term policy/strategy on youth volunteering and volunteer management.</li> <li>- include OD/CB with funding support from stakeholder, to core programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>6. Lao Red Cross legal base.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- revise the By-law-decree and submit to the Government for recognition of LRC network establishment to cover the whole country.</li> <li>- Revies to LRC statute then send the final draft to the Joint-Statute Commission of the Movement for consultation, comments or sugge</li> <li>- Translate and awareness raising on RFL strategy into projects/programs with funding support from Sister Societies and continue to dis</li> <li>- Advocate/request the Government to recognize and ratify Protocols III of the Movement.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
22	<b>Latvia</b>	56	
23	<b>Lithuania</b>	56	
24	<b>Luxembourg</b>	56	
25	<b>Malaysia</b>	78	<p>For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue working closely with the Government and relevant authorities to advocate and promote dissemination of IHL.</li> <li>- To work closely with the Government and relevant Agencies to execute its auxiliary role complementing Government's initiatives particularly in the areas of disaster management and health and care in the community.</li> </ul>
26	<b>Malta</b>	56	



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28	<b>Nigeria</b>	193	<p><b>Proposed Evaluation Criteria:</b> - Support the establishment of the legal framework for disaster management and coordination mechanism, resource development, mobilisation &amp; advocacy. - Improve partnership with communities, governments, NGOs, corporate bodies and others.</p> <p><b>Pledge text:</b> For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge: - to contribute to the reduction of injuries and deaths that may be caused by health, natural and man-made disasters in partnership with the government corporate bodies and other relevant organisations; - to promote active dissemination of IHL and respect for human dignity.</p>
29	<b>Norway</b>	56	
30	<b>Panama</b>	16	Abogar ante las autoridades en apoyo a la Federación Internacional para la adopción de políticas nacionales que fortalezcan el marco jurídico para la acción en caso de desastres a nivel internacional, regional y nacional.
31	<b>Poland</b>	56	
32	<b>Portugal</b>	56	
33	<b>Romania</b>	56	
34	<b>Slovakia</b>	56	
35	<b>Slovenia</b>	56	
36	<b>Spain</b>	56	
37	<b>Sweden</b>	56	
38	<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)</b>	56	