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Recent events have reminded us of the importance of these particular rules of international law. Attacks on hospitals in violation of IHL, indiscriminate attacks on civilians, attacks on humanitarian convoys, and siege warfare causing starvation and leading to the suffering of civilians are, quite simply, abhorrent. Such attacks remind us that the international community must do much more to ensure compliance with IHL and to minimise unnecessary suffering in armed conflict.

We recall Resolution 2286, adopted by the Security Council on 3 May 2016, condemning attacks on the sick, wounded and medical personnel and facilities, and demanding that all parties to armed conflicts comply with their obligations under IHL, including the Geneva Conventions and the obligations applicable to them under the Additional Protocols. As  
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