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Mr Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

The ICRC takes this opportunity to address the protection of women and girls in armed

Public authorities and humanitarian actors should involve women in the assessment of assistance and protection needs and in programme implementation and monitoring. This can help to ensure that humanitarian action and its secondary effects do not put women and girls at risk.

Communities should know about the existing risks, and the importance of not rejecting and stigmatizing women and girl victims. The community's coping and self-protection mechanisms