

**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES  
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77, S. 2024  
ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE  
ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IAC-IHL)**

**ARTICLE I  
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The TWG shall be composed of the duly authorized representatives of the following agencies:

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- Provide strategic guidance to the TWG's activities and ensure that the group's work aligns with IAC-IHL priorities.
- Facilitate coordination between TWG members and the IAC-IHL.
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- Oversee the preparation of reports and other documentation.

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- Conduct research on current and new challenges in IHL, including cyber warfare, autonomous and other weapons, climate-related conflicts, the protection of cultural property, and other emerging issues.
- Review and recommend updates to national IHL policies.
- Support the Philippines' positioning and stance on IHL at regional and international fora such as ASEAN, to galvanise greater respect for IHL.
- Act as a liaison with international organizations on policy recommendations.

**(4) Inter-Agency Coordination and Legal Advisory**

- Ensure harmonized government action on IHL-related concerns, particularly among law enforcement, military, diplomatic, humanitarian, regional, and international agencies.
- Provide legal and policy guidance to member agencies on IHL-related treaties, conventions, and agreements (including their domestic application).
- Assist in harmonizing Philippine laws, policies, and institutional frameworks to be in full compliance with IHL obligations.
- Facilitate coordination between government agencies, civil society, and international actors to ensure a whole-of-government approach.
- Provide technical legal assistance to government agencies, including legislative proposals, treaty ratifications and implementation, and compliance reporting.

**Section 4. Sub-Committees.** The TWG may establish sub-committees, on a need basis, to focus on specific projects and to provide specific outputs. The TWG may invite other government agencies, academic institutions, non-government organizations, civil society groups, international organizations, and other stakeholders to form part of the sub-committees. These sub-committees will report directly to the TWG and submit their findings and recommendations.

**Section 5. Reporting of the TWG and Sub-Committees.** The TWGs and Sub-Committees shall submit regular reports to the IAC-IHL Secretariat.

**Section 6. Observers.** The IAC-IHL shall designate the CHR, PRC, ICRC as permanent observers, pursuant to their respective mandate. Other entities may be invited as observers.



**Section 7. Inter-agency and Stakeholder Coordination.** The TWG shall foster inter-agency and stakeholder coordination and collaboration by organizing meetings, consultations, and workshops among members of the IAC-IHL, Sub-Committees, Observers, and other stakeholders, including technical experts, resource persons from non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society groups, the academe, and international partners.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Presiding Officer.** The Co-Chairpersons, or their designated representatives, shall preside over the general meetings of the Committee.

**Section 2. Quorum.** A simple majority of all members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the committee members present may opt to discuss the items stated in the agenda and provide the necessary recommendations and/or information to the Committee for consideration in the next meeting.

**Section 3. Schedule of Meetings.** The IAC-IHL shall have regular quarterly meetings, to be conducted either in person or hybrid, and such special meetings as may be called by the Co-Chairperson when deemed necessary.

**Section 4. Technical Working Group Meetings and Special Meetings.** Technical Working Group meetings will be conducted on a monthly basis. Special meetings may be arranged based on necessity.

#### **Section 5: Decision Making Process**

The IAC-IHL shall strive to reach consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote of all members of the IAC-IHL is required. If a decision has implications on vulnerable sectors or groups, coordination and consultation efforts should be made with concerned government agencies and stakeholders.

The Secretariat shall provide necessary administrative assistance to facilitate timely decision-making within the Committee, including preparing agendas and supporting discussions during meetings. It will also assist in the tracking and implementation of decisions made by the IAC-IHL, ensuring that all actions are carried out in accordance with agreed timelines.

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- Provide legal and policy guidance to member agencies on IHL-related treaties, conventions, and agreements (including their domestic application).
- Assist in harmonizing Philippine laws, policies, and institutional frameworks to be in full compliance with IHL obligations.
- Facilitate coordination between government agencies, civil society, and international actors to ensure a whole-of-government approach.
- Provide technical legal assistance to government agencies, including legislative proposals, treaty ratifications and implementation, and compliance reporting.

**Section 4. Sub-Committees.** The TWG may establish sub-committees, on a need basis, to focus on specific projects and to provide specific outputs. The TWG may invite other government agencies, academic institutions, non-government organizations, civil society groups, international organizations, and other stakeholders to form part of the sub-committees. These sub-committees will report directly to the TWG and submit their findings and recommendations.

**Section 5. Reporting of the TWG and Sub-Committees.** The TWGs and Sub-Committees shall submit regular reports to the IAC-IHL Secretariat.

**Section 6. Observers.** The IAC-IHL shall designate the CHR, PRC, ICRC as permanent observers, pursuant to their respective mandate. Other entities may be invited as observers.



**Section 7. Inter-agency and Stakeholder Coordination.** The TWG shall foster inter-agency and stakeholder coordination and collaboration by organizing meetings, consultations, and workshops among members of the IAC-IHL, Sub-Committees, Observers, and other stakeholders, including technical experts, resource persons from non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society groups, the academe, and international partners.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Presiding Officer.** The Co-Chairpersons, or their designated representatives, shall preside over the general meetings of the Committee.

**Section 2. Quorum.** A simple majority of all members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the committee members present may opt to discuss the items stated in the agenda and provide the necessary recommendations and/or information to the Committee for consideration in the next meeting.

**Section 3. Schedule of Meetings.** The IAC-IHL shall have regular quarterly meetings, to be conducted either in person or hybrid, and such special meetings as may be called by the Co-Chairperson when deemed necessary.

**Section 4. Technical Working Group Meetings and Special Meetings.** Technical Working Group meetings will be conducted on a monthly basis. Special meetings may be arranged based on necessity.

#### **Section 5: Decision Making Process**

The IAC-IHL shall strive to reach consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote of all members of the IAC-IHL is required. If a decision has implications on vulnerable sectors or groups, coordination and consultation efforts should be made with concerned government agencies and stakeholders.

The Secretariat shall provide necessary administrative assistance to facilitate timely decision-making within the Committee, including preparing agendas and supporting discussions during meetings. It will also assist in the tracking and implementation of decisions made by the IAC-IHL, ensuring that all actions are carried out in accordance with agreed timelines.

#### **ARTICLE V FUNDING AND SUPPORT**

**Section 1. Initial Funding.** The funding requirements for the implementation of EO 77, s. 2024 shall be sourced from the current and available appropriations of member agencies, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

**Section 2. Sustained Funding.** After the initial funding, future funding requirements shall be included in the budget proposals of member agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

**Section 3. Supporting Funds and Grants.** The IAC-IHL shall be authorized to negotiate and receive external funding opportunities, including support funds or grants from foreign government agencies and offices, international organizations, and non-governmental

organizations, for the continued implementation of the functions of the Committee, subject to the relevant provisions of the Office of the President Memorandum Circular No. 51, signed on 13 May 2024 pertaining to *“Requests for Authority to Negotiate and/or Sign International Agreements, Foreign Loan Agreements, Foreign Grant Agreements, and Guarantees.”*

**Section 4. Support Fund Reporting.** The IAC-IHL shall be informed of any and all programs provided with support funds or grants, in full or partial, for documentation and to ensure alignment with Philippine programs and priorities. Updates on programs benefiting from support funds or grants are further required to be reported through the Committee’s reporting mechanism.

## **ARTICLE VI STAKEHOLDERS’ ENGAGEMENT**

The IAC-IHL shall explore opportunities, whenever feasible, and strengthen engagements with stakeholders, including:

- Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP)
- Development Partners: Engage bilateral and multilateral partners to secure additional support for capacity-building and advocacy programs.
- International Organizations: Collaborate with international bodies, such as, but not limited to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations, to align standards and programs with global standards and best practices.
- Academe : Partner with universities and other educational and research institutions, such as, but not limited to the Philippine Judicial Academy (PhilJA), to develop training materials, conduct studies, and facilitate knowledge-sharing initiatives.
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs): Engage with NGOs and CSOs, such as, but not limited to the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL), Balay Rehabilitation Center, and Sulong Peace, to ensure inclusive participation in IHL-related programs and activities and enhance community-based initiatives.

## **ARTICLE VII MONITORING AND REPORTING**

**Section 1. Monitoring.** The IAC-IHL shall develop mechanisms to monitor respect for IHL, track IHL-related activities and programs, and regularly assess the effectiveness of programs and activities.

**Section 2. Reporting Mechanism.** The Inter-Agency Committee through the DFA and DND shall submit to the Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, an annual report on the policies, plans, program, services and activities relative to the implementation of this order.

Members of the Inter-Agency Committee including the relevant agencies shall submit an annual report to the Committee Secretariat regarding their respective programs and initiatives every 15th day of the month after each year for consolidation and onward submission to the Office of



the President.

The Committee Secretariat shall prescribe a common and uniform reporting template for reference of all the members and other relevant agencies. The report shall also include information on the support funds or grants, in full or partial.

## **ARTICLE VIII FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Continuity.** All ongoing and planned programs, projects, and activities of the former IHL Ad-Hoc Committee shall be seamlessly transitioned under the purview of the IAC-IHL. The IAC-IHL reserves the authority to discontinue programs, projects, and activities it determines to be inconsistent with its mandate or objectives.

**Section 2. Compliance.** All agencies involved in the implementation of EO 77, s. 2024 shall faithfully, completely, and diligently execute their duties and responsibilities under the purview of the work of the Committee and shall hold themselves accountable for their actions.

**Section 3. Amendments.** Any amendment or revision in the text of the Implementing Guidelines shall be done in consultation with the member agencies of the IAC-IHL. Such amendment or revision shall take effect in accordance with the provision on effectivity.

**Section 4. Separability Clause.** If any section of this Implementing Guidelines or part of it is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 5. Effectivity.** These Implementing Guidelines shall take effect immediately upon concurrence of all State agencies concerned.

Adopted by the Inter-Agency Committee on International Humanitarian Law (IAC-IHL) on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.