

AMENDMENT FORM

1. Suggestion for amendment of Article: **Article III-218.2**

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Status : Alternate

Article III - 218, paragraph 2

2. Humanitarian aid operations shall be conducted in compliance with the principles of international humanitarian law, in particular the principles of impartiality, *neutrality* and non-discrimination.

Explanation (if any) :

Article III/218.2 states, “Humanitarian aid operations shall be conducted in compliance with the principles of international humanitarian law, in particular the principles of impartiality and non-discrimination.” While many amendments were tabled with the suggestion of adding “neutrality” to impartiality and non-discrimination, these did not reach the final draft. Neutrality, another fundamental principle of humanitarian assistance, contributes to greater access to intended beneficiaries and is often a vital element in relation to the security of aid workers. Neutrality can help to ensure non-discriminatory and needs-based humanitarian aid delivery.