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Abstract:	<p>The ICRC, following extended discussions with a large group of experts, has adopted and issued a non-legally binding document entitled 'Interpretive Guidance on the Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities under International Humanitarian Law' consisting of ten recommendations and about fifty pages of related commentary. The discussion process which preceded production of the Interpretive Guidance was contentious and no consensus was reached on the issue of Direct Participation in Hostilities. As the result, the ICRC, as it was entitled to do, issued its own interpretation of the applicable law. The author of this article, who was involved in all of the expert meetings, reviews and comments on the Interpretive Guidance and attempts to make an assessment of its general viability and of its acceptability to the wider IHL community.</p>
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