



Dear Friends,

This month, GJC participated in the UN's first [World Humanitarian Summit](#) held in Istanbul, Turkey from May 23- 24th, 2016. With our presence there, we took leadership in **promoting the rights of [woman and girls](#) under international humanitarian law.**

GJC's side-event, "[Making IHL Work for Women and Girls](#)," was the only event at the summit on IHL and gender, and focused on advancing the rights of women and girls in conflict.



You can see photos of the event [here](#), and you can read my introduction and full remarks at the side-event [here](#).

I was also selected to present GJC's commitments to reforming humanitarian action at the Summit's Plenary Session, which you can watch [here](#) and read a transcript of [here](#).

Last week in Istanbul, we were able to advance in a significant way the conversation on ensuring the rights of women and girls in war and **moving those rights from paper to practice**. We would not be who we are without your [support](#).

In Solidarity,

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