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ICRC Dialogue with Arms Carriers



Unit for Relations with Arms Carriers



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Who are Arms Carriers?

ICRC Mandate

To protect and assist victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence



State Militaries



Law Enforcement Agencies



Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG)



Other Security Actors



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ICRC Unit for Relations with Arms Carriers (FAS)

- Formed 25 years ago; evolved in scope in scale. Composed of **70 former senior military and police** officers, working across 110+ countries worldwide
- **Unique humanitarian capability**; supports ICRC dialogue with arms carriers on IHL and other applicable norms
- Program **scope and scale** (2019 figures):
 - **1,613 events**/activities/training
 - Engaged over **114,000 arms carrier participants** from military, police and NSAG
 - **113 countries** covered





Mission Statement

*Supporting ICRC's dialogue with arms carriers through **practitioner expertise** across **prevention, protection, policy and humanitarian diplomacy** activity, improving ICRC's **positioning and access**, and influencing sustainable **legally compliant behavior**, in order to limit or prevent suffering of people affected by armed conflict and Other Situations of Violence*

Core Functions

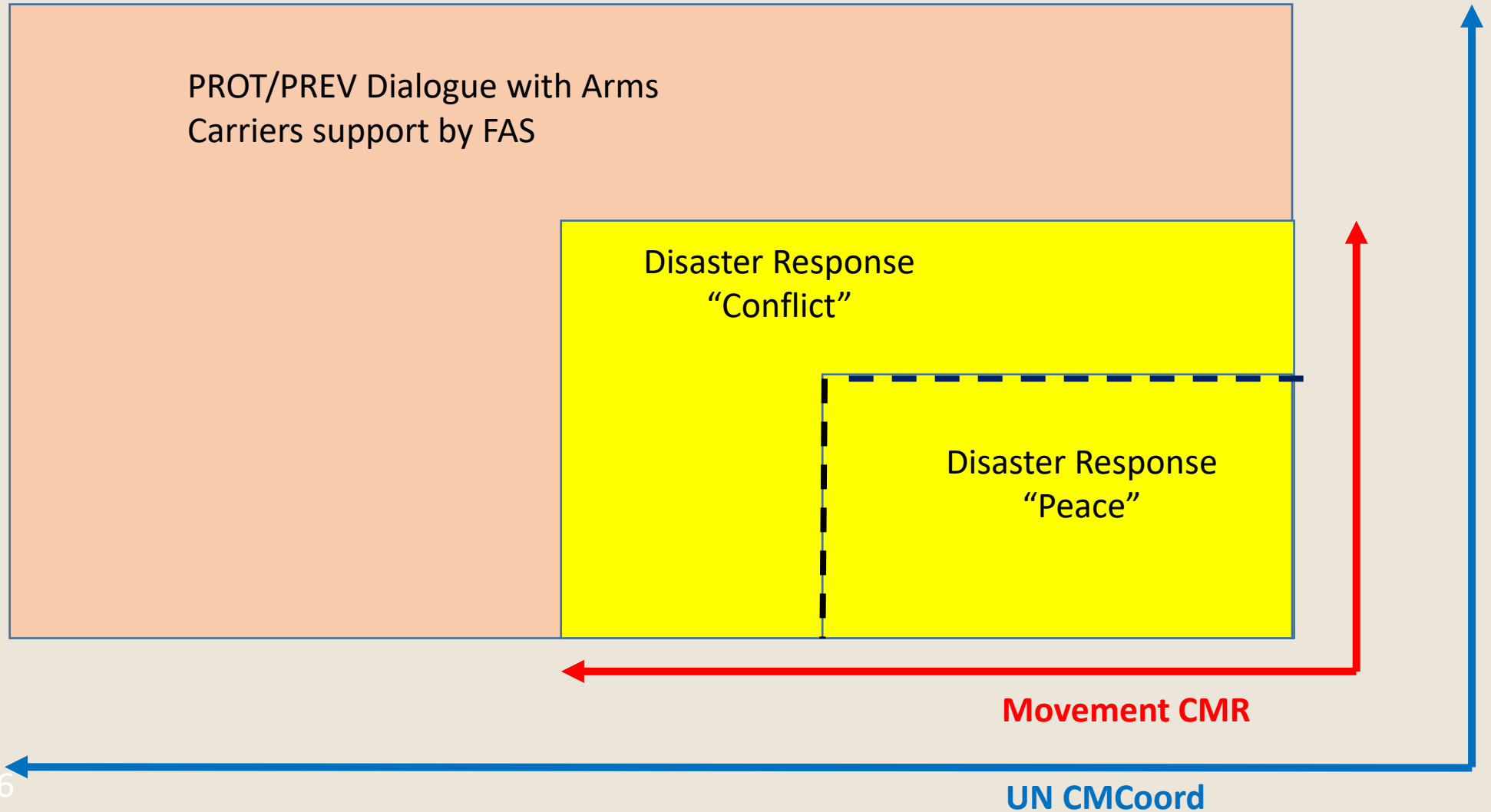
- *Shape the Debate.*
- *Analyze and Advise*
- *Integrate the law*
- *Build and Sustain Influence*





Interface with CMR

An (over?) Simplified View





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FAS Americas



Food for Thought?

- **FAS support to CMR?**
 - **Strong technical competence on arms carrier relations**
 - **CMR not a core task or disaster response core skillset**
- **Silo relationships with arms carriers?**
- **Complementarity of approach?**

