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As Head of Regional Delegation in Washington DC, Patrick Hamilton manages the ICRC's relationship with the Governments of the US and Canada, covering international humanitarian law, humanitarian policy, and operational matters linked to US and Canadian military action. This includes the ICRC's regular visits to the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Regional Delegation also steers the ICRC's work with the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, and interfaces with the National Societies of both the United States and Canada.

Before moving to Washington, Patrick spent nearly six years at the ICRC Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. His last post was as Head of the Support Relationships in Armed Conflict Initiative, looking at practical steps that can be taken by state and non-state actors to better leverage relationships of support to improve the protection of civilians and those no longer fighting.

Before that, Patrick spent four years with the ICRC Near and Middle East Operations as Deputy Regional Director for the Near and Middle East Region, covering Iraq, Iran, and Syria in particular.

Patrick has previously served as the Deputy Head of Delegation for Somalia (2012-2014), Regional Global Affairs Advisor East and Horn of Africa (2011-2012), Deputy and Interim Head of Delegation in Chad (2010), Deputy Head of Delegation in Afghanistan (2008 – 2009), Head of Sub-Delegation in Kandahar, Afghanistan (2006-7), and Head of Office in Ampara, Sri Lanka (2005-6).

Having joined the ICRC in late 2001, Patrick served as a Pushtu Interpreter involved in carrying out visits to those being detained by Afghan and US Forces in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay until the end of 2003.

He is a graduate of the Universities of London (BA English Literature) and Glasgow (MPhil Development Studies).