

**1. Opening**

**Greg Vickery welcomed members to the second meeting for the year.**

**Apologies received from the President of the International Federation, Mr Tadateru Konoe, and the Commissioner for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference, Ambassador Nicolas Lang.**

**Mr Vickery warmly welcomed Ms Annemarie Huber-Hotz, Vice President of the International Federation and President of the Swiss Red Cross, who would represent Mr Konoe.**

**2. Agenda**

**Decision:**

**The agenda was adopted as circulated, with the Chair's proposed addition of an update from the two institutions.**

**3. Minutes of Meeting in Houston**

**Decision:**

**In view of the compressed timetable between the two meetings it was decided to request the Secretariat of the Standing Commission to integrate the latest comments into the draft and circulate the results to members for their approval through electronic communication.**

**4. Decision Sheet, Meeting in Houston**

**Decision:**

**The decision sheet from the meeting in Houston was approved in principle as circulated, and the Secretariat of the Standing Commission was requested to circulate them again with the draft minutes.**

**5. Council of Delegates**

**Decision:**

**Having received an update on progress on the organisation of the Council of Delegates and the development of the agenda for discussion and decision, the Standing Commission endorsed the direction taken by the Joint Organising Committee and the two institutions.**

**6. International Conference**

**Decisions:**

**- The Commission received an update on the recent briefing for Permanent Missions and noted that the missions were attending the briefings in significant numbers, showing interest in the Conference and expressing satisfaction with the direction taken in the preparations for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference.**

**- The Commission noted that a number of National Societies as well as the Governing Board of the International Federation have expressed a wish to see the issue of international migration included in the agenda as well as the related crisis in the**

Mediterranean reflected at the International Conference and directed the Joint Organising Committee to find a constructive mechanism for doing so.

- With regard to the *format* of the Conference and related innovations, the Commission endorsed the general direction proposed by the Joint Organising Committee, and asked it to revisit the ideas of a message to the World Humanitarian Summit, a Call to Action, and linkages between the collaborative space and the formal elements of the Conference to ensure that there is no uncertainty conveyed as to the demarcation between these.
- Concerning officers of the Conference, the Commission endorsed the selection of Ms Fatima Gailani, President of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, as Chair of the Conference; and Ambassador Carsten Staur, the Permanent Representative of Denmark, as Chairman of its Drafting Committee. The Commission directed the Joint Organising Committee to recommend individuals for the remaining posts.
- Concerning Panel Debates and Keynote speakers, the Commission reviewed the current situation, refined the concept of the panel debate on the Fundamental Principles to focus on an exchange among practitioners, and revised the list of individuals to be approached as well as seeking video clips from major global identities and inviting Crown Prince Hassan from Jordan to speak at the conference.
- The Commission reviewed the criteria for selection of institutions and organisations to be invited to participate in the International Conference as Observers. The Commission concluded that the criteria did not need modification but endorsed limited administrative changes that would bring greater clarity to the regular review of the existing list.
- The Commission endorsed proposed standard formats for documents to be submitted to the Conference (noting the request that resolutions place the action item up front where ever possible.)
- The Commission noted the strong likelihood that voting in the elections to the Standing Commission will take place through electronic means.

## **7. Henry Dunant Medal**

**Decision:**

The Standing Commission decided to award the Henry Dunant Medal for 2015 to

- Dr Ahmed Mohamed Hassan
- Ms Monowara Sarkar
- Prof Dr Mamdouh Gabr, former Secretary General of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (extraordinary posthumous award)
- Mr Stephen Davey, formerly of the International Federation

The Commission also agreed to recognize, through a special award certificate, the extraordinary courage and dedication to the Principles and Ideals of the Movement to the volunteers involved in the Ebola response from the Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone Red Cross Societies.

## **8. Memorandum of Understanding**

**Decision:**

The Commission decided to make a high level intervention with the Government of Israel to promote the full implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between Magen David Adom and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

## **9. Vision Paper**

**A new version of the vision paper was placed before the Commission, following comments made at the meeting in Houston and other proposal for amendment.**

**Decision:**

**The Commission made some further recommendations on the text and tone of the document, and requested that it, following consultations between the ICRC; the International Federation; and the Secretariat of the Commission, the latter circulate the draft to all National Societies inviting them to comment on whether the elements included are the right ones, if some should be deleted, or others added. The paper should be circulated before the end of May.**

**10. Draft Preliminary Budget for 2016**

**Decision:**

**The Commission adopted the preliminary budget for 2016 as circulated and presented. The presentation included the possibility that additional financing might become necessary should the Commission decide to establish working groups, or should the new Commission have a composition requiring interpretation and translation.**

**11. Date and Place for next meetings**

**Decision:**

**The meeting foreseen for Vienna on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 at 9 am, in the Headquarters of the Austrian Red Cross, was confirmed.**

**12. Any Other Business**

**Decision:**

**Following a request from one of the Members of the Commission, it discussed the issue of promotion of the use of the Red Crystal Emblem. The ICRC and the International Federation were asked to provide the next meeting of the Commission with an update on steps taken and/proposed in this regard.**

**13. Closure**

**The Chairman thanked all for their contributions and closed the meeting.**