

## **34th International Conference**

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### **Words of thanks at 34<sup>th</sup> IC closing**

**Mercedes Babé**

Chair

Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

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Madam Chair, dear Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz, let me first congratulate you on the wonderful job you have done as chair of this conference, together with all your team of officers involved in the plenary sessions, Drafting Committee, commissions and spotlight sessions. That was amazing, well done!

On behalf of the Standing Commission elected yesterday, I would like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in us as the trustees elected by this distinguished conference to form the 19th Session for the next four years. We are deeply honoured.

I would like to thank the members who were in office during the 18th Session of the Standing Commission, the Secretariat team and the people who worked behind the scenes for their service to the Commission and the Movement. I would also like to applaud the candidates who were not elected this time; they have demonstrated great commitment to our Movement, and I urge them to continue giving their support.

I am aware of the challenge the change in the Standing Commission's composition entails, including the fact that two regions are not represented. With the new members of the Commission, I am sure that we will do everything possible to continue serving the Movement's interests, fulfilling

the duties and functions assigned to us under the Movement's Statutes and delivering the performance you all expect of us.

We will do our utmost to encourage and promote the implementation of these resolutions and those adopted by the Council of Delegates, which also include important commitments that will help shape tomorrow's Movement for the times ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know the pride I feel in having your trust. I humbly accept the responsibility of serving a second term at the helm of the Commission and trust that I can count on your support in the performance of this important role to fulfil our organization's expectations and goals.

Thank you very much!