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Prize instituted by the Council of Delegates (Rio de Janeiro, 1987)

*Regulations revised by the Council of Delegates (Geneva, 2022)*¹

1. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity shall be awarded by the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Standing Commission), either to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (National Societies) or to persons having actively contributed from within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement) to a more peaceful world through their humanitarian work and the dissemination of the ideals of the Movement.
2. The criteria for selection are based on concrete accomplishments which are inspired by the “Programme of action of the Red Cross as a factor of peace” and by the “Fundamental guidelines for the contribution of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to a true peace in the world”, and which contribute to respect for the motto “*Per Humanitatem ad Pacem*”.
3. The Prize shall consist of a work of art symbolizing the action of the Movement for peace, with the inscription “*Per Humanitatem ad Pacem*” along with a diploma stating the reasons for the award.
4. Every four years, during the Council of Delegates, a maximum of two prizes may be awarded to National Societies, to persons or to a National Society and a person. The Prize may also be awarded posthumously to persons who have died recently.
5. The Standing Commission shall designate the beneficiaries of the award by consensus.
6. Any recognized National Society is eligible for the Prize. Any person may be nominated for the Prize on the basis of their achievements as a member of a component of the Movement. No distinction of any kind may be made regarding eligibility, e.g. on the basis of gender; age; language; political, religious or philosophical beliefs; national, ethnic or social origins; or health. The National Societies, in the nomination process, and the Standing Commission, in the choice of recipients, shall foster diversity and inclusion and uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethics.
7. National Societies and individuals may be proposed for the Prize either individually by National Societies and members of the Standing Commission, or jointly by a group of them. A National Society may not nominate itself for the Prize. Any component of the Movement may nominate one of its own members or a member of another Red Cross and Red Crescent organization. Leaders at the governance or directorate levels of the ICRC and the IFRC and members of the Standing Commission shall not be nominated for the prize while they are still in office. The Prize shall not be awarded to an individual who is a candidate in that same year for a high-ranking elected post or other Movement-wide or IFRC leadership position.
8. Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretariat of the Standing Commission at least eight months before the opening of the Council of Delegates, to give the Standing Commission time to examine the nominations. Full details should be given and supporting documents should be enclosed.
9. Before the Standing Commission decides, its Secretariat shall convene a meeting of the Standing Commission’s Joint Nomination Review Group, made up of representatives of the IFRC and the ICRC. Its role is to recommend the rejection of any obviously ineligible candidates, seek further information to be added to candidates’ files and advise the Standing Commission regarding the eligibility, merits and integrity of the candidates.

¹ [Resolution 3 of the 2022 Council of Delegates](#). These Regulations are supplemented by the “[Guidelines for awarding the Henry Dunant Medal and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity](#)”, which were adopted by the Standing Commission on 9 December 2020 and subsequently circulated within the Movement.

10. The Chair of the Standing Commission shall present the Prize at the Council of Delegates. If the recipient or a member of their family cannot attend for reasons beyond their control, the prize will be handed to a representative of their Red Cross and Red Crescent organization for presentation to the beneficiary on behalf of the Chair of the Standing Commission. If the Prize is awarded to a National Society, it shall be presented to the president of that National Society or, in their absence, to their representative.