

**SC XVII – 14th Meeting**

**Geneva, 7 – 8 October 2019**

**Decision Sheet**

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**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1.1. Agenda for meeting SC XVII – 14**

- The proposed Agenda for the meeting SC XVII-14, was approved as circulated.

**1.2. Adoption of minutes of meeting SC XVII -13**

- The minutes of the meeting SC XVII-13 in Geneva (Switzerland), 4 February 2019, were adopted with the addition of decisions taken by the Standing Commission subsequently to this meeting.

**2. ELECTION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION**

- The draft resolution “Enhancing transparency, gender balance and rotation in the election and composition of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: Adoption of the Guidelines for Candidates” was approved with one abstention for submission to the Council of Delegates.
- The Standing Commission welcomed the proposals to promote this resolution of the Council of Delegates at the International Conference, in particular in the current draft provisional agenda items 5 and 6 (organization of work; outcomes of the Council of Delegates) as well as through relevant provisions to be inserted in the “omnibus resolution” of the Conference..

**3. HENRY DUNANT MEDAL & RC/RC PRIZE FOR PEACE AN HUMANITY**

- In recognition of her outstanding services and act of great devotion to the cause of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Standing Commission unanimously decided to award the Henry Dunant Medal for 2019 to:
  - Mrs Manuela Cabero Moràn, from Spain
- In recognition of his outstanding services and act of great devotion to the cause of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Standing Commission decided to award the Henry Dunant Medal for 2019 to:
  - Mr Mario Villaroel Lander, from Venezuela

(N.B. The selection process started at the previous meeting in which the Commission selected one recipient for the Henry Dunant Medal and one recipient for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity)

**4. TOWARDS 2019 STATUTORY MEETINGS**

#### **4.1. Key organisational matters for statutory meetings**

##### Venue of 2021 General Assembly and Council of Delegates

- Concurring with the decision of the IFRC Governing Board for its General Assembly, the Standing Commission approved the proposal to organize the Council of Delegates of 2021 in the Dominican Republic. It expressed its gratitude to the Dominican Red Cross for its generous offer to host the Movement for these statutory meetings.

#### **4.2. Participation in statutory meetings**

- The Standing Commission approved the list of 16 additional observers as presented and asked for an improved filtering process in the future in line with guiding criteria for inviting observers.
- The Standing Commission adopted the Guidance Document and revised guiding criteria for inviting observers and guests at the Council of Delegates and International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

#### **4.3. Council of Delegates 2019**

##### **Approval of agenda and official working documents to be despatched**

##### Revised provisional agenda

- The Standing Commission approved the revised provisional agenda of the Council of Delegates.
- It agreed that the running order of agenda items on Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC 2.0) and on Seville Agreement and Supplementary Measures should be reversed. The following annotation should be included under item 7.1. Seville Agreement and Supplementary Measures:

“Based on Article 10.6 of the “Agreement on the Organization of the International Activities of the Components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” (the Seville Agreement) adopted by the Council of Delegates in 1997, the Council of Delegates will be informed of the decision of the Governing Board of the IFRC to review in the coming year the Seville Agreement and its Supplementary Measures “Supplementary Measures to Enhance the Implementation of the Seville Agreement” (Supplementary Measures) adopted in 2005. The ICRC will inform about its collaborative process to review implementation and possible policy issues around the Seville Agreement and its Supplementary Measures. The IFRC and the ICRC may seek the support of the Standing Commission to facilitate the dialogue in preparation of the 2021 Council of Delegates where the findings will be given due consideration and/or decision.

##### Review of documents for classification and despatch as official working documents of the Council

- *Statement on Integrity of the Movement:* The Commission shared its recommendations for shortening and tightening up the statement. It asked to receive a revised draft statement before it is sent to all National Societies and discussed with them at the webinar scheduled for the following week on 16 October. [Subsequent decision, 21 October 2019] The Standing Commission approved the draft Integrity Statement.
- *Movement approach to strengthening National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks such as the Volunteer Charter:* The Commission approved the draft resolution and background report. It agreed to the proposed changes to the title of the resolution, the addition of a short preambular paragraph 8 and an operative paragraph 7 adopting the Volunteer Charter. The Volunteer Charter would be added to the Guidance for NS Statutes as an annex.
- *Movement-wide commitments for community engagement and accountability:* The Commission approved the draft resolution and background report with additional editing.

- *Movement policy on addressing mental health and psychosocial (MHPSS) needs*: The Commission approved the draft resolutions, the policy and background reports for the Council of Delegates and the International Conference; it requested the inclusion in the resolutions of appropriate references to commitments by the Movement to address the harmful use of substances, including Resolution 29 "The fight against drug abuse" of the 25th IC.
- [Subsequent decision, 23 October 2019] *Movement Statement on Migrants and our Common Humanity*: The Standing Commission approved the revised draft Statement on Migrants.
- Other draft resolutions, background reports and progress reports were approved with no change:
  - o Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC 2.0)
  - o Enhancing transparency, gender balance and rotation in the election and composition of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: Adoption of the Guidelines for Candidates
  - o Restoring Family Links: Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025
  - o Strengthening implementation of the Movement Policy on Internal Displacement: Ten years on
  - o Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on Operational Arrangements dated 28 November 2005 between Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society
  - o Reinforcing Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities in the Leadership and Work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
  - o Movement-wide Principles for Resource Mobilization
  - o Implementation of 2017 Council of Delegates Resolution 6, "Education: Related humanitarian needs"
  - o Strengthening Civil–Military Relations in Disaster Management
  - o Working towards the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: 2018–2021 Action Plan
  - o Weapons and International Humanitarian Law
  - o Strategic Framework on Disability Inclusion by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
  - o Report on the Joint Commission of the Empress Shōken Fund
  - o Work of the Standing Commission (2018–2019)

#### **List of officers**

- The Standing Commission approved the nomination of the following persons to hold positions of officers of the Council of Delegates:
  - o Chair: Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC
  - o Vice Chair: Brigitta M.Gadient, Vice President of the Board of the Swiss Red Cross
  - o Co-secretaries: Kate Halff or Lucia Cipullo (to be confirmed) and Anca Zaharia

#### **4.4. 33rd International Conference**

##### **Approval of agenda and programme**

- The Standing Commission approved the revised provisional agenda and programme of the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference. The Commission approved the inclusion in the agenda of the draft resolution *Women and leadership in the humanitarian action of the Movement*.

##### **Approval of agenda and official working documents to be despatched**

- The head of the secretariat was tasked to inform the Swedish Red Cross of the approval in principle of the Standing Commission regarding the inclusion of its draft resolution Women's Leadership resolution on the agenda of the Conference and to submit suggestions for amendments. [Subsequent decision, 18 October 2019] The revised draft resolution *Women and leadership in the humanitarian action of the Movement* was approved.

- Other draft resolutions, background reports and progress reports were approved:
  - o Bringing IHL home: A road map for better national implementation of international humanitarian law
  - o Restoring Family Links while respecting privacy, including as it relates to personal data protection
  - o Addressing mental health and psychosocial needs of people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies, with the change indicated above for the MHPSS Resolution of the Council of Delegates
  - o Climate-smart disaster laws and policies that leave no one behind
  - o International Humanitarian law and the challenges of contemporary armed conflicts. Recommitting to protection in armed conflict on the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions
  - o Strengthening International Humanitarian Law Protecting Persons Deprived of their liberty”
  - o Factual Report on the Proceedings of the Intergovernmental Process on Strengthening Respect for IHL
  - o Sexual and gender-based violence: Joint action on prevention and response”
  - o Implementation of Resolution 5 of the 32nd International Conference on the Safety and Security of Humanitarian Volunteers
  - o Outlines of the three Commissions on “IHL: protecting people in armed conflict”, “Shifting vulnerabilities” and “Trust in humanitarian action”
- [Subsequent decision, 23 October 2019] *Time to Act: Tackling Epidemics and Pandemics Together: The Standing Commission* approved the revised draft resolution on epidemics and pandemics, taking into account comments received on draft zero.
- [Subsequent decision, 6 November 2019] *Overview Report of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: The Standing Commission* approved this report for its circulation at the Conference.

#### **List of officers**

- In addition to the Chair of the Conference and the Chair of the Drafting Committee already appointed in June (SCXVII-13), the Standing Commission agreed to submit to the Council of Delegates a list of officers of the 33rd International Conference, which would include the following:
  - o Vice Chair of the Conference: H.E. Ms Athaliah Molokomme, Permanent Representative of Botswana
  - o Rapporteur of the Conference: Mr Bas van Rossum of The Netherlands Red Cross and Chair of the IFRC Youth Commission
  - o Chair of IHL Commission: H.E. Ms Carole Lantieri, Permanent Representative of Monaco
  - o Co-Chairs of the Shifting Vulnerability Commission: H.E.: Ms. Nazhat Shameem Khan, Permanent Representative of Fiji, and Mr Abbas Gullet, Secretary General of the Kenya Red Cross
  - o Chair of Trust in Humanitarian Action Commission: Mr Georges Kettaneh, Secretary General of the Lebanese Red Cross
  - o Assistant Secretary Generals: Ms Kate Half, ICRC, and Mr Frank Mohrhauer, IFRC.
- The Terms of Reference of the Drafting Committee were approved.

#### **5. WORK PLAN 2019 AND FOLLOW-UPS**

#### **6. FINANCE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION**

- The Standing Commission approved in principle its budget of CHF 573'000 for the year 2020. This budget could be adjusted according to the priorities and action plan of the new Standing Commission.

#### **7. AOB AND CLOSING**