

**18th SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

12th Meeting (SC18-12)

**28 – 29 June 2023
Geneva**

Decision sheet

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Standing Commission

- approved the proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-12 REV2 as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the meeting SC 18-11, 14-15 March 2023.

2. OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR THE MOVEMENT

The Standing Commission

- thanked the ICRC and the IFRC for the update on outstanding operational issues for the Movement.
- took note of Francesco Rocca's decision to resign from his position as IFRC President as of the extraordinary session of the IFRC General Assembly to be held on 11 December 2023 to elect a new President. It praised President Rocca's decision and expressed its gratitude to him for his long and tireless commitment to the service of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, first as a volunteer and then as President of the Italian Red Cross, a member of the IFRC Governing Board, President of the IFRC, and, since 2017, a member of the Standing Commission.
- decided not to convene a Council of Delegates of the Movement on the occasion of the extraordinary session of the Federation's General Assembly of December 2023, after considering Articles 15.1 and 18.4 of the Movement's Statutes and Rules 5 and 23-25 of its Rules of Procedure.
- noted with regret the delayed appointment of the eminent and experienced diplomat who will be tasked with facilitating the dialogue between the parties concerned for the implementation of the MoU and AOA between the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society and encouraged the stakeholders concerned to finalize consultations so as to enable a swift taking up of office.
- noted with satisfaction the report presented by the IFRC Under Secretary General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination and the ICRC Director for Mobilization, Movement and Partnerships on progress in implementing the Seville Agreement 2. 0, one year after its adoption; it noted with interest the efforts made to strengthen common knowledge of the Agreement at the level of the Institutions and the wider Movement, to operationalize and contextualize it where international Movement actions are underway, and to develop longer-term indicators and a monitoring baseline to measure the expected changes; consultation will take place with the Standing Commission at its next meeting (SC18-13) on the setting up of the "inclusive monitoring and implementation support process" as provided for in Resolution 8 (paragraph 5) of the 2022 Council of Delegates adopting the Seville Agreement 2. 0.

3. STATUTORY MEETINGS 2024: THE WAY FORWARD TO THE 34TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

The Standing Commission

- welcomed H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, and warmly thanked him for accepting to serve as Secretary General-designate at the 34th International Conference.
- noted with appreciation the feedback from States and National Societies on the concept for the 34th International Conference, as well as the suggestions received for the next Council of Delegates.
- provisionally endorsed the draft outlines of agenda topics for the 34th International Conference and the Council of Delegates, contributing its comments and recommendations; consolidated documents would be submitted to the Standing Commission by mid-July for final endorsement and subsequent dispatch to members of the International Conference and Council of Delegates for a new round of consultation.

5. MOVEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- welcomed the presence of Mr Thomas Gurtner, Director of International Cooperation of the Swiss Red Cross, seconded by his National Society to the Standing Commission to facilitate and support the work of the Movement Policy Framework Working Group.
- took note with satisfaction of the report presented by Mr George Weber, Chair of the Working Group, on progress made in implementing the group's action plan, encouraged the continuation of its work along the proposed orientation and requested the Working Group to present for endorsement at its next meeting (SC18-13) an updated action plan and recommendations for the development of the Movement policy framework in 2024.