

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

Meeting SC 18 – 15

21-22 August 2024

Geneva

Decision sheet

1. Opening of the meeting: welcome and procedural matters

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- approved the draft Agenda (REV1) for the meeting SC18-15 as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the SC18-14 meeting of 20-21 March 2024 as well as the minutes of the online SC18-14 extended meeting of 12 June 2024.

2. Outstanding issues for the Movement

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked its members from the ICRC and the IFRC for the update on outstanding operational issues for the Movement.
- noted the ongoing preparation of a report to the next Council of Delegates on the implementation of the MoU and AOA between the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society in consultation with stakeholders, as well as progress in establishing a support group of National Societies, with consideration for a member of the Standing Commission to be invited as an observer.

3. Update on the IFRC General Assembly

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked its members from the IFRC for the update on the preparation of the 24th Session of the General Assembly.

4. Statutory meetings 2024: the way forward to the 34th International Conference and Council of Delegates

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4.2. Participation issues

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- welcomed again S.E. Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz, National Chairperson of the Malaysian RC and H.E. Amb. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office

and other international organizations in Geneva to this last and important preparatory meeting of the 34th International Conference in their respective roles as Chair and Secretary General designate of the Conference.

- with the help of the Chair-designate of the 34th International Conference, drew the letter “X” to determine the seating arrangements for the Council of Delegates and the International Conference.
- approved the complementary list of 5 observers and 7 guests to the 34th International Conference as well as 2 additional guests to the Council of Delegates,
- [subsequent decision of 19 September 2024] The Chair approved on behalf of the Standing Commission a complementary list (batch 4) of 6 observers and 15 guests (speakers in Commissions) submitted by the co-organizers.
- [subsequent decision of 2, 7, 15 and 19 October 2024] The Chair approved on behalf of the Standing Commission a complementary list (batch 5) of 6 observers (4 reactivations and 2 new) and 31 guests (2 for the Conference, 11 for Commissions/spotlights and 18 for side events) submitted by the co-organizers.

4.3. Organization, agenda and outcome of the 34th International Conference

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- reiterated its grateful appreciation to the co-organizers of the International Conference and the Council of Delegates for the implementation of the intensive consultation process with the Movement and the States, which resulted in the gathering and consideration of extensive and valuable comments to help consolidate the draft resolutions and foster their adoption by consensus at the statutory meetings. The Commission took note of the forthcoming engagement efforts with participants after the dispatch of the official working documents scheduled for 12 September 2024 until the opening of the statutory meetings.
- approved the revised provisional agenda and programme of the 34th International Conference,
 - o [subsequent decision of 4 October 2024] In accordance with rules 6.2 and 7 of the Movement's Rules of Procedure, the Chair of the Standing Commission has approved on behalf of the Commission the revised Provisional Agenda and Programme for the 34th International Conference as submitted to her by the ICRC and the IFRC: an item was added in the “reports” section: “Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on Operational Arrangements dated 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and Magen David Adom in Israel (33IC/19/R8)”. The revised Provisional Agenda and Programme would be dispatched through the website of the 34th International Conference.
- approved the following documents for classification as official working documents of the Council of Delegates and despatch to members and observers:
 - Outline documents for the three plenary Commissions and related Spotlight sessions:
 - o Commission I: Building a Global Culture of Respect for IHL.
 - o Commission II: Standing by our Fundamental Principles in responding to humanitarian needs and risks.
 - o Commission III: Enabling sustainable, locally-led action
 - 5 draft resolutions and related background report:
 - ✓ Toward a universal culture of compliance with international humanitarian law,

- ✓ Protecting civilians and other protected persons and objects against the potential human cost of ICT activities during armed conflict.
- ✓ Strengthening disaster risk governance through comprehensive legal and regulatory frameworks.
- ✓ Enabling local leadership, capacity and delivery in principled humanitarian action and strengthening resilience,
- ✓ Protecting people from the humanitarian impacts of extreme climate and weather events: Working together to strengthen anticipatory action.
- 6 progress reports:
 - ✓ International Humanitarian Law and the Challenges of Contemporary Armed Conflicts.
 - ✓ 33IC Resolution 1, “Bringing IHL home: A road map for better national implementation of international humanitarian law”.
 - ✓ 33IC Resolution 2, “Addressing mental health and psychosocial needs of people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies”.
 - ✓ 33IC Resolution 3, “Time to act: Tackling epidemics and pandemics together”.
 - ✓ 33IC Resolution 4, “Restoring Family Links while respecting privacy, including as it relates to personal data protection”.
 - ✓ 33IC Resolution 5 of the 33rd International Conference, “Women and leadership in the humanitarian action of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement”.
- Welcomed the background document prepared by the joint organizing committee giving an overview of statutory meeting preparations (registration, opening ceremonies, tribute, pledges, communication plan).

4.4. Organization, agenda and outcome of the Council of Delegates

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- approved the revised provisional agenda of the 2024 Council of Delegates
- approved the following documents for classification as official working documents of the Council of Delegates and despatch to members and observers:
 - 7 draft resolutions with related background reports:
 - ✓ Protection in the Movement: Improving our collective impact in protecting people,
 - ✓ Migration Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2024–2030,
 - ✓ Weapons and international humanitarian law,
 - ✓ War in cities: A Solemn Appeal from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,
 - ✓ Call for respect and support for principled humanitarian action,
 - ✓ Extension until 2030 of the Restoring Family Links Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025,
 - ✓ Reaffirming the role of the Movement as a factor of peace.
 - 12 progress reports:
 - ✓ Movement-wide Principles for Resource Mobilization (CD/17/R2),
 - ✓ Movement Coordination for Collective Impact Agreement (Seville Agreement 2.0) (CD/22/R8),
 - ✓ Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward (CD/22/R2)

- ✓ War in cities (CD/22/R6),
 - ✓ Working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons: 2022–2027 action plan (CD/22/R7),
 - ✓ Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward (CD/22/R11),
 - ✓ Safeguarding humanitarian data (CD/22/R12),
 - ✓ Final report on Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC),
 - ✓ Movement Statement on Integrity (CD/19/R2),
 - ✓ Restoring Family Links: Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025 (CD/19/R6),
 - ✓ Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund + 2 annexes,
 - ✓ Movement Approach to Strengthen the National Society Statutory and Constitutional Base and Complementary Frameworks (CD/19/R3).
- The draft resolution on the Work of the Standing Commission, in support of the report previously approved (SC18-14 ext.)
 - noted that a process to determine the date and venue of the Council of Delegates and the 25th session of the IFRC General Assembly in 2026 would be in place shortly, with a review of applications from National Societies and a coordinated decision by the Standing Commission with the IFRC expected in early 2025. A resolution of the 2024 Council of Delegates would reflect the current determination process.

5. Seville Agreement 2.0

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked its ICRC and IFRC members for the presentation of the report to the Council of Delegates on the implementation of the Movement Coordination for Collective Impact Agreement (Seville Agreement 2.0), including the main progress made and challenges to be addressed, as well as the ongoing implementation and initial action plan of the National Society support group and the establishment of monitoring tools.

6. Any other business and closing

Decisions:

- The Standing Commission expressed its deepest gratitude and appreciation to all its current and former elected and ex-officio members who, since December 2019, have remained fully committed to fulfilling its mission, despite changes in membership, disruptions to its work caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a particularly challenging international environment for the preparation of the 34th International Conference and an 18th Session extended by almost a year which will soon come to its close at the end of the next Conference.