

SC XVIII – 3rd Meeting (videoconference)

24 – 26 June 2020

Decision Sheet

(Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and major disruptions to international travel, SC18-3 was again organized via videoconference in three two-and-a-half hour sessions.)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- The proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-3, was approved as circulated.
- The minutes of the videoconference meeting SC 18-2 (REV1), 3 March 2020, were adopted.

2. STATUTORY MEETINGS 2019: LESSONS LEARNED

- The Standing Commission warmly thanked H.E. Amb. Didier Pfirter for his role as Commissioner and Secretary General of the 33rd International Conference and for the presentation of his report and recommendations concerning the preparation, proceedings and follow-up of the Conference. It reiterated its gratitude to the Swiss authorities for the secondment of Amb. Pfirter as well as for their unfailing support, in particular financial support, for the organisation of the Conference.

3. EMERGING CHALLENGES FOR THE MOVEMENT AND FOLLOW-UPS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE STANDING COMMISSION

3.1. Emerging challenges and opportunities for the Movement in relation to COVID 19 and changes in the international environment

The Standing Commission

- paid tribute to the RC/RC volunteers and staff who have been very extensively involved in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of whom have been its victims in recent months.
- acknowledged the immense humanitarian challenges posed by this pandemic and took note with satisfaction the unprecedented efforts made to promote the reinforcement and adaptation of operational actions, complementarity, coordination, capacity building, funding and integrity of all components of the Movement.

3.2. IFRC/ICRC updates on working processes of special interest and expected contributions by the Standing Commission

- Movement Integrity Statement & Trust in humanitarian action
 - The Standing Commission thanked the ICRC and the IFRC for their update on the process of follow-up and implementation of the Integrity Statement for the Movement (CD19/Resolution 2), confirming its readiness to participate actively in an advisory capacity in the steering group to be set up shortly with representatives of the Movement's components.
- Cooperation and Coordination within the Movement: Seville Agreement & Supplementary Measures, SMCC 2.0
 - The Standing Commission thanked the IFRC and the ICRC for their update on the "single inclusive process to enhance the Movement's collective humanitarian impact", including for update/review of the 1997 Seville Agreement and 2005 Supplementary Measures and with consideration for the sustainability of the Movement's action, access and influence. It noted the forthcoming establishment of a Movement advisory group, co-chaired by the IFRC Secretary General and the ICRC Director General, in which the Chair of the Standing Commission will be able to participate and make an active contribution.
- MoU/AoA between MDA and PRCS
 - The Standing Commission took note of the initiatives already taken in follow up of resolution 10 of the 2019 Council of Delegates, in particular to seek the support of National Societies and eminent individuals - inside and outside the Movement - to facilitate the implementation of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding between the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society. It called for significant progress to be achieved rapidly, sufficiently in advance of the next Council of Delegates in 2021.

4. STATUTORY MEETINGS 2019: FOLLOW-UP OF OUTCOMES

5. COUNCIL OF DELEGATES 2021 AND 34TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: THE WAY FORWARD

The Standing Commission

- congratulated the Joint Organizing Committee (JOC) and all the stakeholders involved in the organization of the 2019 statutory meetings for the intensity and quality of their work that made these meetings a success. It thanked the co-chairs and representatives of the JOC for their presentation outlining the strategy for following up on the resolutions and other commitments of the 2019 meetings and for preparing the Council of Delegates in 2021 and the 34th International Conference in 2023.
 - suggested creating a dashboard / tabulation to monitor the implementation of Resolutions and outcomes of the 2019 Council of Delegates and 33rd International Conference as well as key recommendations to be prioritized and implemented in preparation for the next statutory meetings.
 - reaffirmed the statutory obligation to produce, in all the working languages of the Movement, the proceedings of the International Conferences ("Blue Book") and of the Councils of Delegates ("Summary Record") which are an integral part of the legacy of the Movement's world meetings for the future:
 - In the spirit of cost efficiency and reduction of the carbon footprint, proceedings may be produced and made available to members in electronic format, with a few paper copies for internal use of the ICRC, IFRC and Standing Commission and for Conference members on their request.
- 6. REFORM OF THE MOVEMENT AWARDS (HENRY DUNANT MEDAL & RCRC PRIZE FOR PEACE & HUMANITY)**

The Standing Commission

- thanked the Awards working group for the production of the orientation document on the reform of the regulatory framework of the Henry Dunant Medal (HDM) and the RC/RC Prize for Peace and Humanity (PPH), stressing the importance for this reform to achieve results this year, in order to be useful for the next call for nominations for the Henry Dunant Medal, at the end of 2020.
- approved with modifications the assumptions and objectives that will define the framework for the desired reform. The general objective of the reform/review of the regulatory and administrative framework applicable to the HDM and PPH would be to clarify and complete it on the issues of eligibility and integrity of candidates, merits and achievements to be prioritized, diversity among candidates and laureates, as well as nomination, selection and decision-making procedures.
- tasked the Awards working group to:
 - prepare new guidelines for the awarding of the HDM and the PPH, replacing the 1998 Criteria for awarding the HDM, which the Standing Commission should approve before the end of 2020 so as to be in force from the next call for nominations for the HDM;
 - prepare an update of the administrative and decision-making procedures to be put in place by the end of 2020 for the next call for nominations for the HDM, keeping these as simple and straightforward as possible;
 - prepare, if appropriate, a draft revision of the 1965 HDM Regulations and the 1987 PPH Regulations which the Standing Commission would submit to the 2021 Council of Delegates for adoption.

7. ELECTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

- **Lessons learned on the proceedings of the 2019 election**
- **Impact of Resolution CD/19/R4 and new Guidelines for candidates on next nomination, screening and election process.**
- **Planning for the new Election Committee in 2023**

The Standing Commission

- congratulated the previous Standing Commission and the Electoral Cell for the quality and success of their work with the adoption by the Council of Delegates of its resolution CD/19/R4 Enhancing transparency, gender balance and rotation in the election and composition of the Standing Commission, and its promotion at the 33rd International Conference.
- took note of the lessons learned from the 2019 policy review and election proceedings and of additional remarks from its members;
- endorsed the follow-up recommendations and tasked its secretariat to revert to it in due course on the implementation of measures proposed for the 2023 election, in particular with regard to the establishment of an independent Electoral Committee and an enhanced procedure for monitoring nominations in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Movement as well as the Guidelines for candidates adopted by the Movement in 2019.

8. FINANCE AND ACTION PLAN OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

- **Review and approval of accounts 2019**
- **Update on 2020-2021 budgets and action plan**

The Standing Commission

- welcomed the review report of its vice-chair, George Weber, on the 2019 accounts and approved the 2019 statement of income and expenses and the balance sheet as presented.
- took note of the Movement wide budgetary restrictions foreseeable in 2020 and onwards and requested the head of secretariat to present at its next meeting more precise projections of the Standing Commission's expenditure in 2020, with potential savings and reduced contributions.