

SC XVIII – 4th Meeting (videoconference)

8 – 9 December 2020

Decision Sheet

(Due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and major disruptions to international travel, the SC18-4th meeting was again organized via videoconference in two three-hour sessions.)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Standing Commission

- approved the proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-4 (REV1) as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the videoconference meeting SC 18-3, 24-26 June 2020.
- renewed its deep gratitude to all Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers for their extraordinary commitment in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, often at the risk of their health and lives. In particular, it paid tribute to the memory of Dra. Ligia Leroux, President of the Dominican Red Cross, who passed away on 4 December. The Commission particularly praised her dedication to ensure that her National Society would host the next Council of Delegates of the Movement and IFRC General Assembly in 2021.

2. ROAD TO THE 34TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: A STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT CYCLE OF STATUTORY MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE 2021 AND 2023 COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

3. COUNCIL OF DELEGATES 2021: TOWARDS A CONCEPT AND AGENDA

The Standing Commission

- congratulated the Joint Organising Committee (JOC) on the quality preparatory documents for the next statutory meetings of the Movement (2020-2023) and thanked it for the explanations provided, including on the follow-up to the previous meetings in 2019.
- approved, with limited changes, the Road to 34th International Conference Strategy which will guide the work of key stakeholders leading the preparations of the Council of Delegates and International Conference of 2021 and 2023.
- approved, with some changes, the concept note on the Council of Delegates 2021 and its dispatch to the components of the Movement for consultation with a view to preparing the draft agenda of this Council.
- [decision of 10 December subsequent to the meeting] The Chair confirmed on behalf of the Standing Commission the approval of the Road to 34th International Conference and 2021 Council of Delegates' concept note, after taking into account the changes requested by the Commission.

- requested the JOC to present before or during the Commission's next meeting in March 2021 the results of this consultation as well as a rationale for recommending topics to be prioritized on the agenda of the Council of Delegates and those requiring resolutions and prior consultations with National Societies.
- took note of the different organisational scenarios envisaged for the Council of Delegates 2021 in relation primarily to the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and mandated the Chair to take part, on behalf of the Commission, in the decision to be taken jointly with the IFRC and ICRC authorities on the dates, venue and format of the next Council of Delegates and IFRC General Assembly, including the possible postponement, relocation and/or use of virtual (online) meeting facilities.
- requested the JOC to continue to inform it on the progress observed in the implementation of the 2019 Resolutions and on the monitoring plan.
- Thanked the JOC for the progress made in the preparation of the "blue book" of the 33rd International Conference and the ongoing translation of the proceedings of the 2017 Council of Delegates.

4. REFORM OF THE MOVEMENT AWARDS (HENRY DUNANT MEDAL & RCRC PRIZE FOR PEACE & HUMANITY)

The Standing Commission

- adopted the "Guidelines for awarding the Henry Dunant Medal (HDM) and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity (PPH)" to be circulated within the Movement on the occasion of the next call for nominations for the HDM.
- agreed to establish a Joint Nomination Review Group for the HDM and the PPH as provided in the Guidelines, whose Terms of Reference shall be approved at the next meeting of the Commission.
- agreed to prepare a reform of the 1965 HDM Regulations and 1987 PPH Regulations with a view to be submitted to the next Council of Delegates and to establish an advisory group for this purpose, which will be chaired by a member of the Commission and include representatives of National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC. The reform should essentially reflect the promotion of diversity, inclusion and the highest standards of integrity and ethics as developed in the new Guidelines.

5. UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR THE MOVEMENT AND FOLLOW-UPS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE STANDING COMMISSION

➤ MoU/AOA between MDA and PRCS

The Standing Commission took note of the progress and constraints observed in recent months to achieve tangible results on Resolution 10 of the 2019 Council of Delegates and on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society. It urged all parties concerned to undertake all necessary efforts to achieve rapid and significant progress, sufficiently in advance of the next Council of Delegates in 2021.

➤ Collective impact of the Movement, review/update of Seville Agreement & Supplementary Measures, SMCC 2.0

The Standing Commission took note of the latest developments reported by the ICRC and IFRC 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". In particular, it noted the launch of the Movement Advisory Group, whose first meeting was held on 2 December with the participation of the Commission Chair. The Commission expressed its hope that tangible and significant results could be presented to the Movement at the 2021 Council of Delegates.

➤ **Movement Integrity Statement & Trust in humanitarian action**

The Standing Commission took note of the study commissioned by the ICRC and the IFRC on the implementation of the Integrity Statement for the Movement (CD19/Resolution 2), hoping that the steering group, in which the Commission Vice-Chair will participate, will be set up shortly to help establish an action plan with priorities and focus.

6. REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION AND COMMITMENT TO COMPLY

The Standing Commission adopted its revised Rules of Procedure and attached Commitment to comply.

7. FINANCE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

➤ **Situation of budget and accounts 2020 and consequences on reduced contributions**

The Standing Commission noted with satisfaction the significant reduction in the Commission's expenses foreseen in its 2020 budget and the implementation of measures to reduce requests for contributions from the components of the Movement.

➤ **Approval of budget 2021**

The Standing Commission approved its provisional budget of CHF 549,000 in 2021 and sets its target for contributions of CHF 183,000 from National Societies (voluntary contributions), the IFRC and the ICRC respectively.